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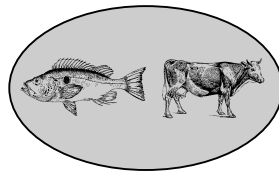
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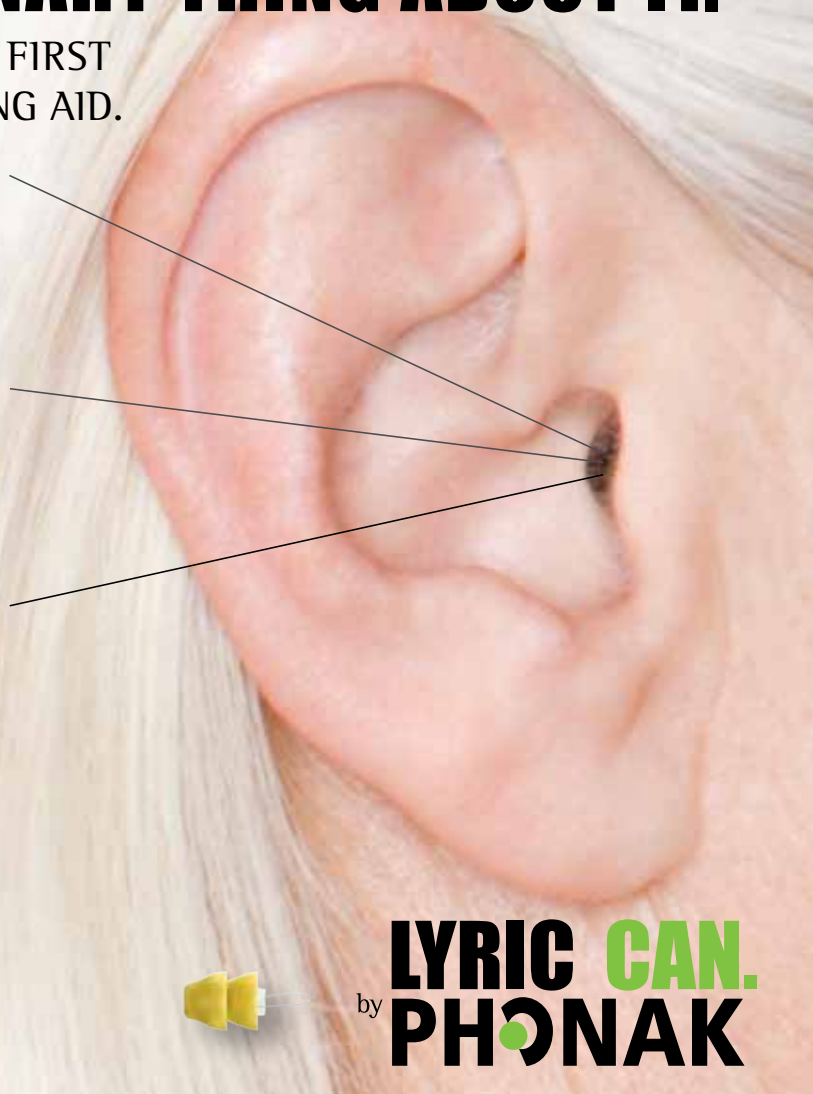
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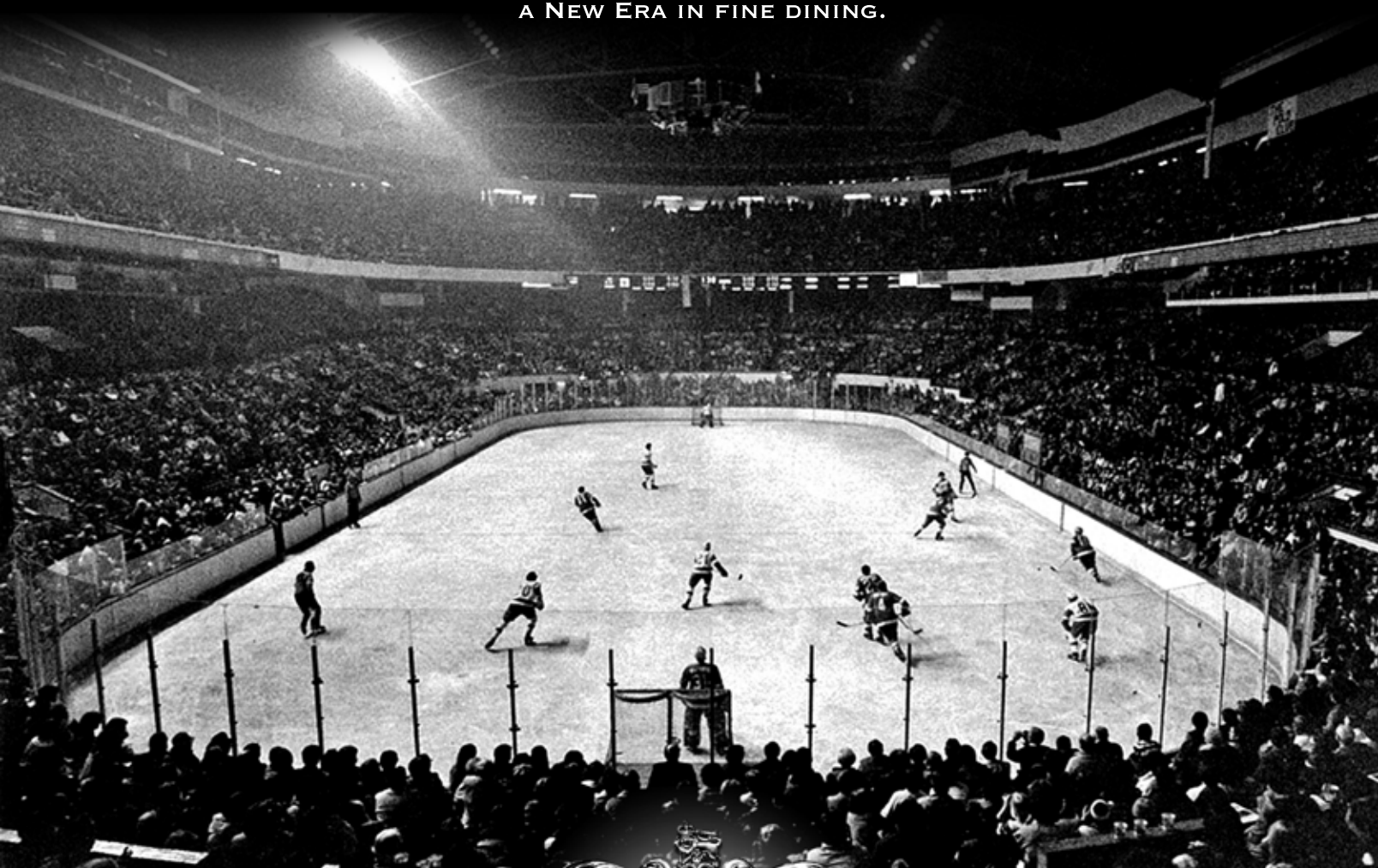
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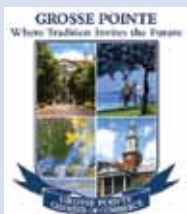
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## Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this object? On Monday, Feb. 18 we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to respond with the most specific answer will win a family pass to The Detroit Lions vs. The Fraternal Order of Police All Stars Benefit Basketball Game on Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School. Participants MUST wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck!

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# Families That Play Together Stay Together



DYC Swim Team

**T**he Detroit Yacht Club is known to many as the “fun and friendly yacht club.” What may or may not surprise you is that the DYC is also known as a “FAMILY friendly yacht club.” Many families of the Club are 3rd- and 4th-generation deep into membership. You can say that “families that play together stay together” at the Detroit Yacht Club. The year-round resort-style living with more amenities and activities than any other private club in Michigan makes family fun easy to find. The fun at the Detroit Yacht Club is legendary.

The Detroit Yacht Club has an 11-acre private island with a 96,000-square-foot historic club house. The Club has indoor and outdoor swimming pools, outdoor heated year-round hot tub, tennis courts, beach volleyball courts, racquetball courts, squash courts, tournament grade bocce courts, a complete fitness center, huge locker rooms with separate men’s and ladies’ sauna rooms, indoor walking track, horseshoe pits, barbecue pits, waterfront picnic areas, a water-sports center, paved boat launch ramp, personal water craft dry dock, a 365-slip marina, dedicated dog walk areas and

a bicycle corral. There is a formal dining room, an outside dining patio, a poolside café and one of the friendliest bars in the world. The DYC Island is private and accessible to members and their guests by the private bridge that is guarded by an attendant or by water via personal boat or aboard the Club’s private shuttle boat. That’s right, a private island retreat right here in our backyard.

The Club is open 12 months a year, and there are endless special events and parties, including the Officers Ball black-tie event, the DYC Winter Fest Party, Easter Brunch, Mother’s Day Brunch, Father’s Day Brunch with Classic Car and Classic Boat Show, Gold Cup Hydroplane Races, the Belle Isle Grand Prix Week Party, Fleet Review, Venetian Week, Halloween Party and much, much more. The Club always seems to be revving up for the next fun-filled event; the fun never ends.

There are some terrific summer programs for kids and teens at the DYC. Junior Sailing, Children’s and Youth Summer Day-camp, professional tennis instruction and learn-to-swim programs are part of the summer fun. The adult crowd also enjoys recreation offerings, including Learn-to-Sail Programs, Flying Scotts, Adult Sailing, weekly off-the-dock sailing races, tennis instruction, bocce leagues and tournaments and racquetball leagues.

Additionally there are dozens of clubs within the Club, like The Rod and Gun Club, Snorkeling and SCUBA Diving groups, the Sea Serpents Water-basketball Team, the DYC Kayak Club and the Voyagers Group; the

list goes on and on. There is something for everyone all year long.

So if you are considering a vacation this summer to connect with the family, you may want to consider a membership at the Detroit Yacht Club instead. With so much to offer year round, there are countless opportunities for those little moments that can connect your family for a lifetime.

For details on membership and summer programming for kids, contact the Detroit Yacht Club at (313) 824-1200 and ask for the Membership Department. Or visit [dyc.com](http://dyc.com).



DYC Junior Sailing



DYC Junior Regatta

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## Can it get any better than G.P.?

I am beside myself with good news. Spring Training and Detroit Tigers baseball is almost here. Our Bridal Showcase on Feb. 28 at the Assumption Cultural Center promises to be another success. Vendors and brides are already lining up to attend. The economy is perking up. Good tidings are blooming.

But what has me all geeked is what is going on in Grosse Pointe Park. All over town, people are saying, “Have you heard what’s going on in the Park?” I have heard, and the minute I learned of the Cotton family’s plans, I knew immediately how important and wonderful they are.

The age-old lament in Grosse Pointe is how our young people go away to college ... never to return. But while we all bemoan the fact, no one does anything about it. Until now. Until the Cotton family stepped up.

Using their own money, the Cottons began buying abandoned residential income properties in the Park. Their initial goal was to tear down the homes for green space rather than dilapidated structures. They found, however, some of the properties could be easily rehabbed and rented out to college students.

So they created the Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation, a nonprofit entity to provide subsidized housing

to students. The program has been a huge success, and other landlords are coming on board. Again, the subsidy, \$350 a month, comes from the Cottons. Remarkable.

As Park City Manager Dale Krajniak told me, “Individuals writing a check is one thing, but one family donating to the entire community?”

With the success of the foundation, came the need for restaurants and entertainment for the students. Jon Cotton’s best friend, Rob Ermanni, and Dave Quint signed on to run the foundation, act as general contractors and find commercial tenants for the seven commercial properties the Cottons purchased. After interviewing some 30 restaurateurs, they settled on Mindy Lopus, a successful businesswoman in Birmingham, because she runs her restaurant, Tallulah’s, “like a business.” Now a Grosse Pointer, she is opening the Red Crown in the old Standard Station, Bona Fide Bakery in the old Mulier’s Market and a second Tallulah’s to be built in Mulier’s parking lot.

Future plans call for a restaurant where the Full Circle resale shop is, and a brew pub is being sought for the church across the street, which the Cotton family bought. With entertainment and dining covered, they plan to add retail, boutiques and

a grocer. Ambitious plans!

But an interesting factoid not mentioned elsewhere, as far as I know, is that the young Cottons — Jon, Michael and Sean — were raised in the former Bishop Road home of Mayor Palmer Heenan. There the Cottons breathed in the same air and public spirit that once imbibed the mayor, who during his more than three decades in public office has taken the Park off the endangered species list from the 1970s and ’80s to make it the unique member of Pointes that it is today. Must be something in the air.

The Cotton family has certainly stepped up to the plate in a way no one would expect or ask, and yet they do it with grace and humility. They are quick to thank the mayor, council, City Manager Dale Krajniak and even the Public Safety Department for making the project possible. But we also need to thank Dr. David and Shery Cotton for instilling in their family community-mindedness. Grosse Pointe owes them a debt of gratitude.

Thank you, Cotton family! 🍷





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# Meet Seth

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<b>Age</b>	15
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Park
<b>School</b>	Grosse Pointe South
<b>Parents</b>	Richard and Penny Carolan



## Seth's Favorites

**Music Artist**

The Lumineers

**TV Show**

SportsCenter

**Store**

Apple

**School Subject**

Math

**Food**

Pizza

**Thing to do on a Saturday night**

Hang out with my friends

**Athlete**

Justin Verlander

**Teacher**

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Carey  
(from Pierce)

**What song on your iPod would people be surprised by?**

“Mad World” by Gary Jules

**What chore do you absolutely hate doing?**

Cleaning my room

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

1. Less homework
2. For summer to come faster
3. A long family vacation

**Where do you see yourself in five years?**

At a university, studying hard and making new friends

## About Seth:

Seth is a student at Grosse Pointe South High School.

In his free time, he enjoys sports, especially baseball, basketball and soccer. One of his favorite activities is listening to music.

Seth has three siblings, Jacob, 19, Joshua, 17, and Abigail, 11.

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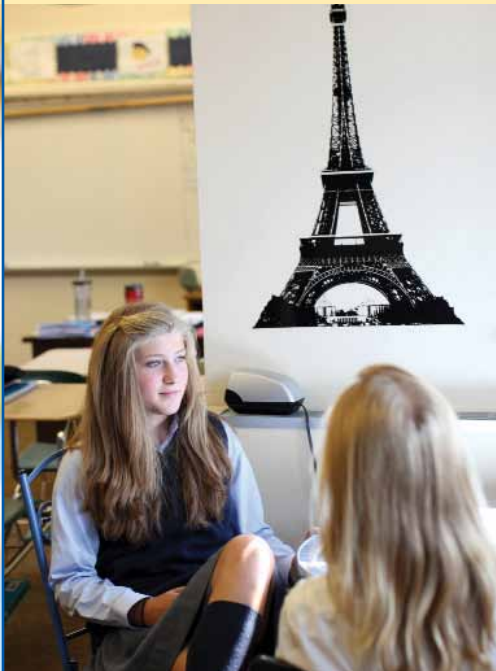
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Kristina Kamm, who plays lead Fiona MacLaren

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH PERFORMING ARTS BRINGS SCOTLAND TO THE POINTES

By Lauren McGregor



Don Bischoff directing leads Marty Brown and Kristina Kamm



Photos by Lauren McGregor



Rugged highlands, a mysterious Scottish village that appears once every hundred years and musical numbers ranked among theatre’s best - Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts will bring all of this to their stage March 7-9 in the wildly magical musical, *Brigadoon*.

“We want to showcase the amazing voices we have. It’s a very talented cast and the vocals will be fantastic,” says Director Don Bischoff.

It’s Bischoff’s fourth year working with Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts and his first time directing. “It’s a special year for me. My first year was four years ago, so we are coming full circle as I direct these seniors that were freshmen in my first year.”

Bischoff is no stranger to *Brigadoon*. A thirty-year theater veteran, he’s been a part of its production in other venues three times and played the lead, Tommy Albright, twice.

In *Brigadoon*, Tommy Albright faces an enormous dilemma. As a New Yorker from the 1950s who stumbles upon this 18th century Scottish village, he has to decide whether or not to give

up everything for his soul mate, Fiona, whom he meets there.

“It’s a classic musical with great dancing and all the actors are really into it,” says Marty Brown, who plays lead Tommy Albright. “It has really good music and a cool set.”

This set includes recreating the Scottish Highlands through a curtain and the illusion of a forest and rolling hills beyond. Bischoff describes scenes that include Highland homes, shacks, a Stonehenge-like facade and even 25-30 foot trees on stage. “We created levels and dimension to imitate the Scottish Highlands,” Bischoff says. The set will surely fit the enormity of the story and its musical numbers.

“*Brigadoon* has always been my favorite musical. It’s magical and moving,” says Kristina Kamm, who plays Fiona MacLaren, the female lead.

Bischoff also notes about the musical’s moving message, “When you love someone deeply, anything is possible, even miracles.”

Tickets may be purchased in advance at Wild Birds Unlimited or the night of the show. [P](#)

## OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

A Lifetime of Learning Begins at Assumption Nursery School

It's open enrollment time at Assumption Nursery School & Toddler Center! Developmental programs are available for children Toddler ages 12 months-2 ½ years, Transition 2 ½- to 3-year-olds, 3- and 4-year-olds and Young 5's. Year-round flexible scheduling is available, including half-day and full-day programs with the opportunity for extended hours for childcare, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

As the recipient of the Governors Award of Excellence, Assumption provides an age-appropriate educational environment where children are encouraged to engage in activities to discover and explore new areas of interest. The curriculum is aligned with the State of Michigan Early Childhood Standards of Quality. It provides children the opportunity to develop friendships, problem solving techniques, decision making skills, independence and self-confidence.

Several community building events are offered during the school year, including yearly Family Art and Science Fairs where children and their families participate in related activities with school staff.

The school prides itself with a professional and loyal staff of teachers and assistants who, like the school's philosophy, are "dedicated to the development of each child as a total individual — socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively — in a secure and caring atmosphere."

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Youth 7-12 will engage in multiple hands-on activities that will increase awareness of physical and creative self-expression. Sports clinics will include soccer, basketball, volleyball and yoga. Theater and Art instruction activities are also included. Celebration activities, open to family and friends, include a parents vs. campers basketball game and a yoga inspired healthy lifestyles meal. Field trips will be incorporated throughout the summer.

For Summer Camp, parents may elect to enroll for the entire summer or to enroll in a 5-week session. Session 1 will run from June 17-July 19. Session 2 will run from July 22-August 22. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon with full-day child care available from 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. The registration fee is \$75. This is a great opportunity for your child to enjoy "New Friendships and New Challenges!" Registration begins March 18, at 8 a.m. Application forms are available in the school office.

Located at 22150 Marter Road, the school calendar follows that of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools. Call 586-772-4477 to schedule a tour with Director Melissa Sharp and be sure to visit our website at [www.assumptionnursery.org](http://www.assumptionnursery.org).

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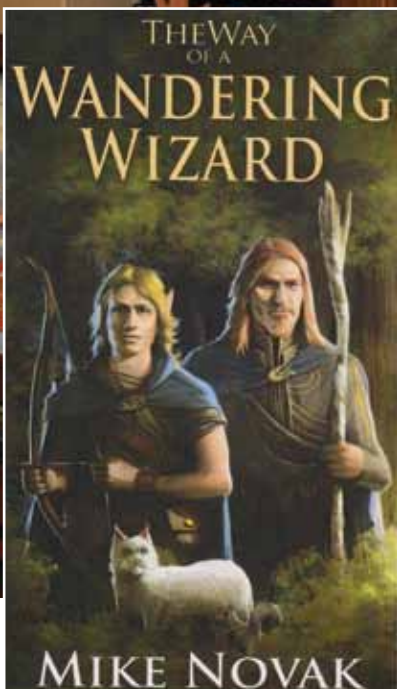
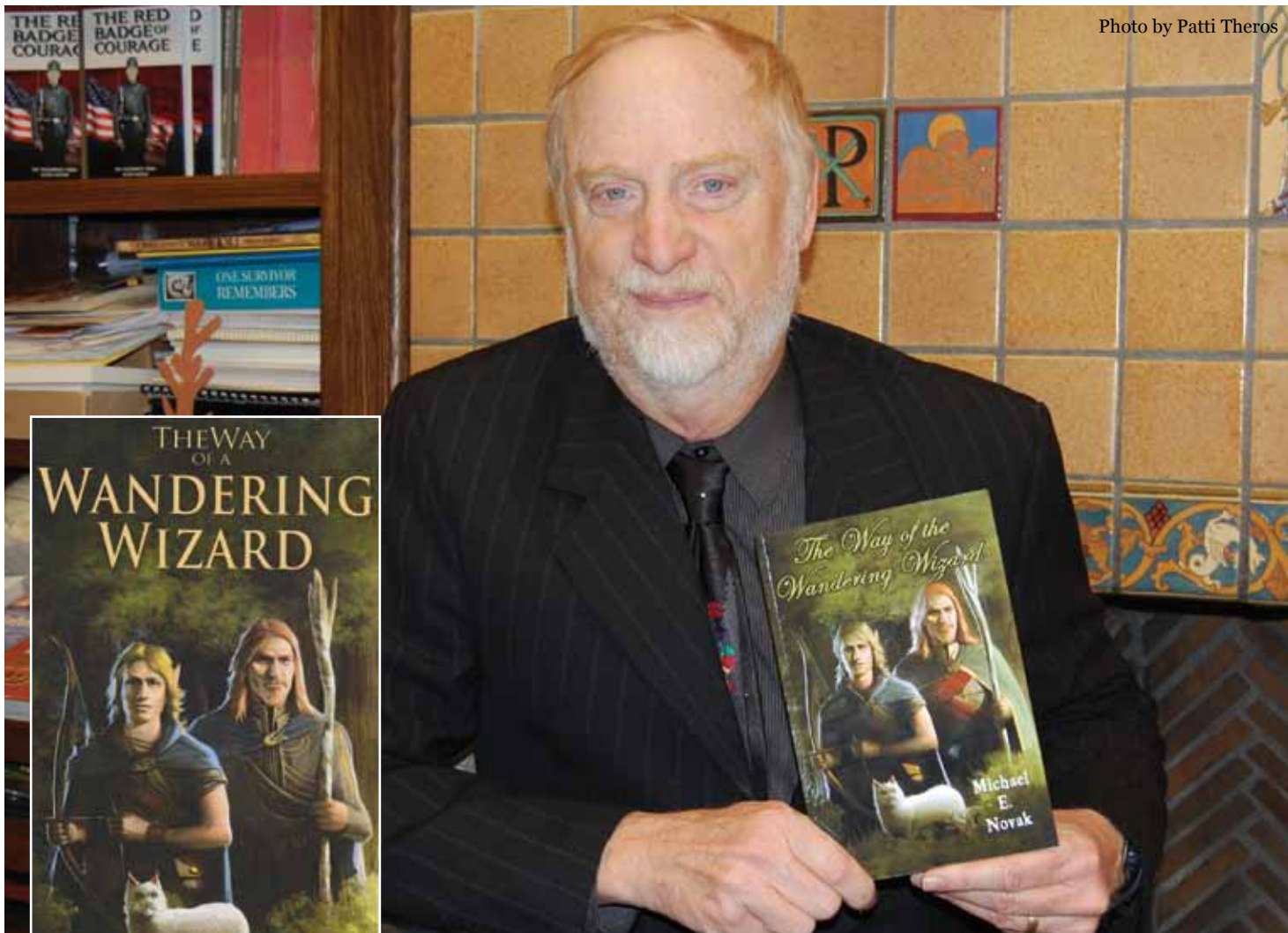
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## Local teacher publishes fantasy novel

By Patti Theros

Wizards and goblins come to life in *The Way of the Wandering Wizard*, a new science fantasy novel written by Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mike Novak.

It's Novak's first novel and it's filled with adventure and suspense. An avid lover and reader of fantasy and science fiction, Novak has always dreamed of writing a book.

"I remember when I was in grade school a teacher told me to write what I know. I always remembered that advice," says Novak. He is a junior high science and history teacher at St. Paul Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Farms and many of the events, places and characters in the book were inspired by his more than 25 years of

teaching at St. Paul.


Novak, who considers himself much more of storyteller than a writer, said getting his thoughts on paper was the biggest challenge. "I had the main characters and I knew it was going to be a hero quest but I didn't know how I could do it because I can't type and I don't spell very well," he laughs.

So Novak enlisted the help of a few friends, former St. Paul Catholic School English teacher John Addis to edit his book, and former St. Paul student Tim Guthat to dictate and type it.

"It took three summers to write it since Guthat and I are both teachers and we had to schedule time when we were both available," says Novak.

To help Novak develop his

characters and storyline, he would often take long walks to get ideas for the book. "It took hundreds of hours of writing and editing and when John and I thought we were done, we weren't even close. We would rewrite paragraphs and we would sit together and read it out loud. We would find mistakes that we both would miss and I would make the corrections as we read along."

*The Way of the Wandering Wizard*, a true labor of love, became available in mid-December and is published by Black Rose Writing. It can be ordered through Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble. Cover art of the book was illustrated by former St. Paul student Nicholas J. Oliveto. 

# Boat shows, hat tips and more

By Ted Everingham

With characteristic optimism diehard boaters and “wanna-be” mariners alike look ahead eagerly to a pair of traditional boat shows that whet their appetites for another Great Lakes summer. The 55th annual Detroit Boat Show returns to Cobo Center on Feb. 16-24, and the 25th annual Spring Boating Expo will be at the Suburban Collection



Showplace in Novi on March 14-17. The shows’ websites — [detroitboatshow.net](http://detroitboatshow.net) and [springboatingexpo.com](http://springboatingexpo.com) — are bursting with information, and e-tickets are available on each site.

A tip of the cap to Bayview Yacht Club, the winner of the United States Sailing Association’s prestigious Regatta Award for the first annual Bayview One-Design Regatta held early last summer. US SAILING noted that the new regatta “replaced a long-standing event with fresh ideas including ... lowered entry fees, discounted food and drink specials, and improved shore-side activities.” Participation increased by over 100 boats from the previous event in 2011.

Up the lake at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, planning continues for the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA) national championships that will be sailed in our waters on July 7-14. Organizers expect more than 400 young sailors, ages 8-15, to compete. Watch for it online at [www.usodanationals.org](http://www.usodanationals.org).

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, on WOW channel 10 in Grosse Pointe Woods and on AT&T U-verse in seven counties in Southeast Michigan.

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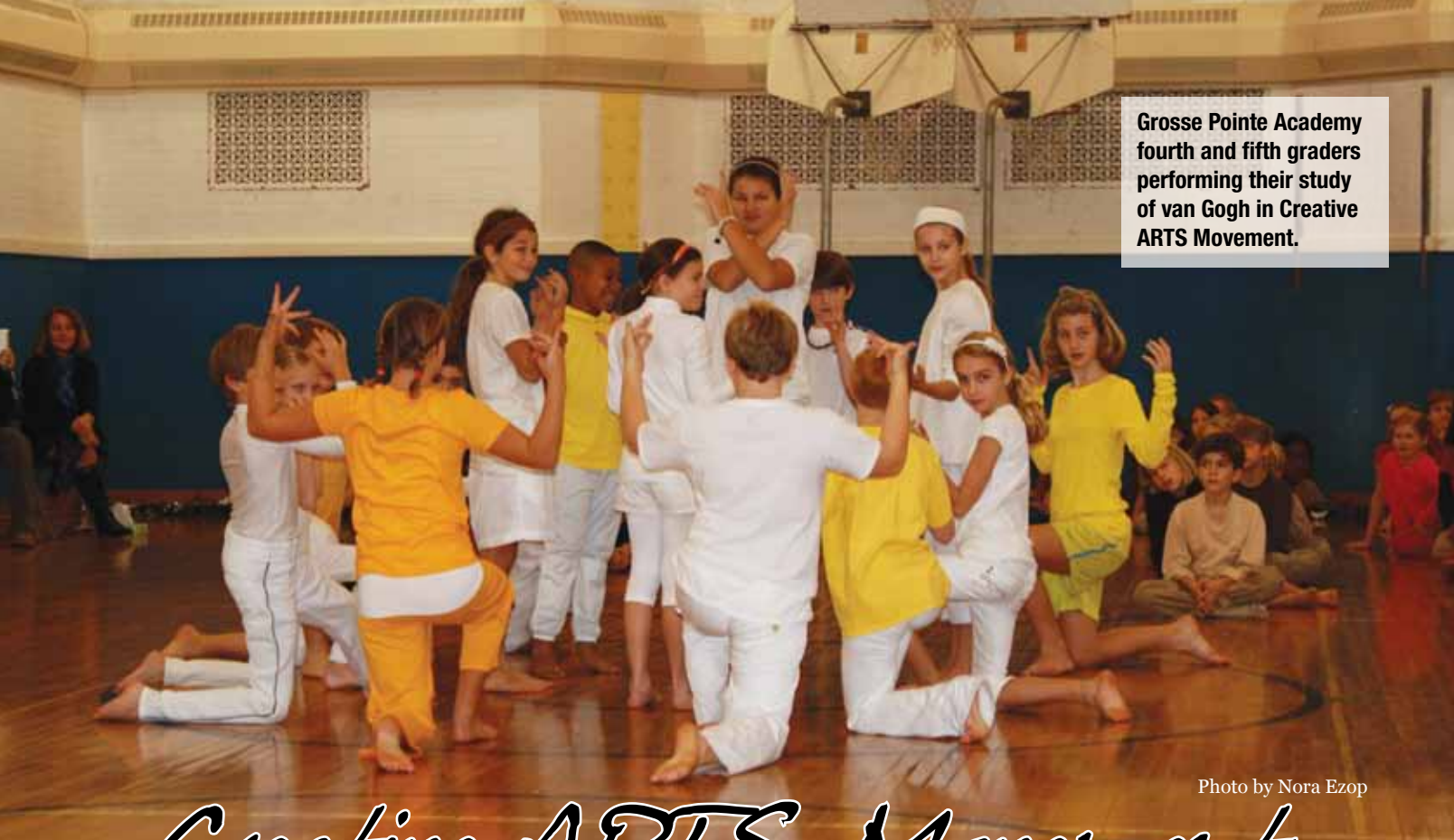


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Grosse Pointe Academy fourth and fifth graders performing their study of van Gogh in Creative ARTS Movement.

Photo by Nora Ezop

# Creative ARTS Movement

By Lauren McGregor

Young children drag their feet, hunch their backs and cower beneath the weight of invisible labor. For a few moments they are peasants in 19th century Holland and Belgium, the subjects of some of Van Gogh's most famous paintings, not lower school students at Grosse Pointe Academy.

They are participating in the Academy's unique Creative ARTS Movement program, started and taught by Denise Szykula, Creative Movement teacher at the Academy for over 25 years. After working as head of the dance department at the Jewish Community Center and creating Dance Nonce, Szykula developed Creative Movement for the five year olds in the Academy's Early School.

After several years of teaching concepts and vocabulary through movement, Szykula was asked to develop a movement program for first through fifth graders. Creative ARTS Movement was the product and serious art education was the objective. Children learn about

an artist's life and work through movement.

"I want children to know about Vincent van Gogh. First, I teach technique and then I teach the artist. The movement is based on the artist's work. The students create a study of it."

Szykula even teaches the children about the darker side of van Gogh's life, from his depression to his death. "Children understand there were good, solid days and days when he could not stop himself from feeling negative emotions. They learn about van Gogh's relationship with other people around him, Gauguin in particular, and how no one wanted to be around him. The students can relate to that because they don't want to be alone."

Szykula's main objective is for the children to have an understanding of art and feel confident in their interpretation of it.

"It's amazing when the children get to the point where they recognize the art. I had a mother tell me

that while in Chicago, her child said, 'That's a Calder!'


"They own the art museum. It is theirs. They will speak freely about one of the artists, about what they observe. They're comfortable with the art and come to believe the art of the world is theirs. They teach each other through these studies and they teach me." 

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Denise Szykula







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# ICON RESTORED AT ASSUMPTION

By Patti Theros

Images of Jesus Christ, the saints and angelic hosts, and the Virgin Mary once again adorn the altar and chapels of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. It's been a decade since the church suffered a devastating fire and all of the iconography was destroyed. However, thanks to much work, time and fundraising by the church, Phase 1 of the restoration project has been completed and gold and jewel colored images once again illuminate the altar.

A reception was held in the Hellenic Room of the Assumption Cultural Center on Dec. 16 with world-renowned iconographer Vlasios Tsotsonis and the parish iconography committee, Parish Council members, donors and DIA special guests to celebrate the completion. At the reception, Father Michael Varlamos said Tsotsonis, his assistant, and apprentice “worked 120 days, almost night and day, to complete the project. We are humbled at the beauty [of the iconography].”

“The beauty of these figures, reflect or are mirrors of what is in our hearts - virtue, goodness and Godliness. They encourage us to emulate them, that we too may realize our God-given call to holiness,” says Varlamos.

Harriet Stoukas, chairperson of the church’s Iconography Committee thanked the committee for their hard work and the many donors who donated in memory of a loved one. Special guest Kathryn Dimond, DIA Community Relations Manager, read a letter from DIA Director, Graham Beal, congratulating the church on its project, which said, “The iconography displayed in Assumption’s altar and chapels is worthy of display in any



Iconographer Vlasios Tsotsonis and Harriet Stoukas, chair

Photos by Patti Theros

museum.”

Following the reception, guests gathered in the church to view the iconography with Tsotsonis. Tsotsonis, of Corinth, Greece, was selected by Assumption’s committee because of his extensive credentials and iconography experience at churches and monasteries throughout the world including Israel, Germany and Greece. Future phases of the restoration project at Assumption include restoring the dome of the church and pendentives in 2014. ☩



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Cute fact  
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First word  
**Still waiting! Although starting to say Mama and Dada**

Favorite activity  
**Playing hide and seek with big sisters, Lucy and Stella**

## About Charlie *in Mommy and Daddy’s words*

Charlie is one of the sweetest boys you will ever meet. His nickname is “the Mayor” because wherever we go Charlie will work the room and go around to greet everyone. This usually involves Charlie waving his little hand at your leg to get your attention. But watch out if you’re wearing glasses or a hat, because he will snatch it off before you realize what happened. His smile is great and so contagious; your heart can’t help but to feel a little bit lighter when he smiles at you. Although Charlie’s Down Syndrome was a surprise to us when he was born, we can’t imagine him any other way. He is our light, our joy, our littlest teacher.

Name: **Raegan Rybicki**

Age: **10** Parents: **Ben and Juli Rybicki**

School: **Trombly** Siblings: **Rachel, 8 and Jackson, 6**

Interests: **Dancing, violin, swimming, reading and spending time with my friends**

### Favorites

Game  
**Headbandz**

Family Activity  
**A day on the boat and tubing**

Who is your hero and why?  
**My parents for keeping me safe, taking care of me and teaching me the important stuff I need to know.**

School subject  
**Reading**

Vacation  
**Florida/Disney**

Outdoor activity  
**Ice skating**

Book  
**Series of Unfortunate Events**

What do you want to be when you grow up?  
**Teacher**

# Meet Raegan



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## About Raegan

“I started collecting things to donate instead of presents for my birthday parties when I turned six. I like to do nice things for other kids, and my parents always tell me I have a lot of toys. I have collected pajamas for kids in foster homes, toiletries for girls at the Children’s Home of Detroit, pet supplies for the Humane Society and toys for the Family Center. It makes me feel good to do nice things for other kids.”





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Bok Tower Gardens



Mayfaire by-the-Lake on Lake Morton  
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# LAKELAND, FLORIDA

## IT'S SO MUCH MORE THAN BASEBALL

By John Minnis

**I**n March, Lakeland, Fla., is all about Spring Training. But before or after the game or when the Tigers are away, there is plenty to do in Central Florida.

Downtown Lakeland abutting Lake Morton is a beautiful area to stroll, enjoy the abundance of public art and take advantage of the many fine restaurants and cultural offerings.

The Polk Museum of Art, founded in 1966 and in its modern building in the "Historic District" at 800 E. Palmetto Street, since 1988, offers "world class art" and is "super accessible," says PR & Marketing Manager Sandra Dimsdale Horan.

In fact, two such world-class exhibits, "No Ordinary Days: Works by Maggie Taylor" and "Coincidence: Works by

Louviere+Vanessa," are under way. Digital artist Maggie Taylor combines history and imagination. Her digital creations include familiar imagery taken from found objects and 19th century daguerreotypes, which she scans and manipulates in her Gainesville studio into something of sophisticated fantasy. Her work is shown in New York and around the world.

From their home and studio in New Orleans, Vanessa Brown and Jeff Louviere (known collectively as Louviere+Vanessa) combine such alternative materials as gold leaf and Super 8mm film to create a sense of literary romanticism and tragedy and often include satirical undertones. Both exhibits run through April 20.

And if you are still in Central Florida

in May, don't miss the museum's Mayfaire by-the-Lake, Florida's premier outdoor art festival, May 11 & 12. Go to [polkmuseumofart.org](http://polkmuseumofart.org) for more information.

Fans of Grosse Pointe Theatre will truly love Lakeland Community Theatre's "Hello, Dolly" performances Friday-Sunday, March 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17. Friday and Saturday sittings are at 7:30 p.m.; 2 p.m. on Sunday. The Mirror Theater Complex is located at 121 S. Lake Ave. Admission is \$20/Adult, \$15/College Student (with ID), \$10/Child (12 and under). For more information, go to [lakelandcommunitytheatre.com](http://lakelandcommunitytheatre.com).

While you are in the area, don't miss LEGOLAND Florida, Water Park and Safari Wilderness Ranch. For more information, go [VisitCentralFlorida.org](http://VisitCentralFlorida.org).



Maggie Taylor, *Moving on*, 2012, pigmented digital print on archival paper, 58 inches by 58 inches

**Polk Museum of Art proudly presents two new exhibitions by Maggie Taylor and Louviere+Vanessa through April 20. The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday. Admission is free for children and students with student IDs and to all from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday mornings.**



Louviere+Vanessa, *His Eyes Crashed on the Frightened Shore*, 2010 (Counterfeit series), inkjet on Kozo paper, gold leaf, paint and resin on dibond, 16 inches by 24 inches

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# ESCAPE TO SUMMER: TIGERS SPRING TRAINING

By Lindsay Beaver



Can you smell it? Yes, the smell of peanuts and the sound of its crunch beneath your feet. The smell of the fresh air and the sunshine surrounding you. The smell of the hot dogs, beer, popcorn and sunscreen. If you weren't smelling it before, you're smelling it now.

But can you see it? The grounds crew pulling out the rakes and hose to prepare for the game. The mobs of fans assembling at the baselines for an autograph, picture or a mere glimpse of their favorite player. The vendors walking up and down the aisles with food and beverages, yelling loud enough for the folks in left field to hear.

While this sounds like something out of a daydream, fans of baseball and warm weather can experience it first hand when spring training kicks off in February.

As the cold and gloomy winter months carry on in Michigan, the Detroit Tigers will begin their road to the 2013 World Series down in Lakeland, Fla., for the 77th season.

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Spring training is a time like no other. Whether you visit Lakeland for three days, a week or the entire preseason, you'll be able to get a taste of both summer and baseball.

The Tigers begin exhibition play in Orlando with a game against the Atlanta Braves Feb. 22. Their first Lakeland game comes the following day against the



Photos by John Minnis





Toronto Blue Jays.

Fans will get a chance to see recently acquired Torii Hunter in his new role as Tigers outfielder. Familiar faces like Justin Verlander, Prince Fielder and Austin Jackson will also take the field to prepare for the upcoming season.

Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera's time in Lakeland will be limited due to his participation in the World Baseball Classic.

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# Meet Coleman

<b>Name</b>	Robert Coleman Feller
<b>Age</b>	59
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Farms
<b>Occupation</b>	Attorney



## Coleman's Favorites

- Color**  
Blue
- Ice Cream**  
French vanilla
- Season**  
Summer
- Book**  
*Civilization* by Kenneth C. Clark
- Restaurant**  
Fleur-de-Lis (San Francisco)
- Animal**  
Cleo, our rescued Golden Retriever
- Childhood TV Show**  
Crusader Rabbit
- Thing to do on a Sunday afternoon**  
If not on the boat, working around the house

### Best thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

The community atmosphere

### Item you cannot leave home without?

Cell phone

### List two of your best personality traits.

Curiosity and humor

### List two of your worst personality traits.

Tenacity and perfectionism

### One thing not many people know about you?

During my college years, I spent a summer living and working in a commune.

### Best vacation ever?

An Alaskan cruise followed by a stay in Denali National Park

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

Retire and travel

## About Coleman

Coleman and his wife, Betsy, have two children, Paige and Spenser. Both Paige and Spenser will be graduating from college this May.

While Betsy and Coleman are looking forward to the upcoming changes college graduation will bring to the family, such as more traveling, they will continue to pursue their interests in and around Grosse Pointe and working with autism support activities such as the Friendship Club.

# Marrying abroad

By Randall D. Cain

You've finally decided to tie the knot. Ah, marital bliss! If you have a desire to get married outside of the good old U.S. of A., here are some of the laws you may run across.

**Greece:** A newspaper notice is required indicating the intent of the couple to get married in order to get a marriage license.

**Turkey:** Religious marriage ceremonies are not recognized. It must be a civil marriage before a marriage official and then you can follow it up with a religious ceremony.



**Puerto Rico:** The country offers free marriage ceremonies to U.S. citizens.

**France:** The bride and groom must live in the country for forty consecutive days before they can get married.

**Monaco:** The couple must post an announcement of their intent to marry on the door of the town hall.

**Mexico:** Requires a blood test (including HIV, HDIV and blood type), X-rays and a certificate from a physician dated 15 days before the marriage. The exams must all be performed in Mexico.

**United Kingdom:** Marriages must be performed in a "fixed structure" so no open air or garden weddings are permitted.

**Saudi Arabia:** Applications for marriage between Saudis and foreigners are reviewed by the government and can be denied for such reasons as serious diseases, drug use or an age gap of 25 years or more.

So, happy couple, pick your venue carefully and remember that some of our 50 States have some rather bizarre marriage requirements too.

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



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**Matthew Haack, founder and president of DEMA, in front of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial**

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# A NEW AGE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

## *Grosse Pointe based DEMA thrives as international association*

By Lauren McGregor

When Matthew Haack searched for an organization that offered reputable vendors and networking, but found nothing, he began one himself. Years of experience in the professional cleaning business offered Haack unique insight into customer service and vendor expectations. And his background as a marine demanded a great knowledge of etiquette and protocol.

In fact, as manager of Chet's Carpet Cleaners, Haack proposed and implemented a policy that required all employees wear a tie to each job. "I wanted to raise industry standards. That's what DEMA does."

And so in 2007, Haack founded the Domestic Estate Managers Association (DEMA) with Chet's Carpet Cleaners co-worker Michael Wright. DEMA's membership includes everyone involved in the professional services world from principals to estate managers to the vendors they employ.

The reason Haack believes DEMA has boomed to world renowned status with international membership, 150 thousand members, local chapters in

nearly every state and buzz from the likes of Forbes Magazine, D Business and Hour Detroit is its achievement of community, education and networking, while maintaining strict confidentiality.

Members, such as estate managers for wealthy and famous clients, can network at local meetings but never say who they work for. They attend meetings in order to learn from one another. "It's about education," Haack says.

Haack, who believes strongly in the power of word of mouth, wanted to start an association that offered principals and estate managers comfort in their employment of a vendor. DEMA members, including vendors and estate managers which principals hire, must be approved for membership.

This powerful network has other benefits. "I once had a member call me and say their employer needed a 125 foot yacht with a staff of 10 for the Fourth of July," Haack says, "which was just two weeks away. Through my connections in DEMA, I was able to supply three or four companies that

could make that happen within thirty minutes of his call."

"We get the right personalities together and then build that relationship." A primary goal of DEMA is to "work together as a community to increase the longevity and satisfaction of professional services." The association preserves the confidentiality and standard of the old world butler in the modern age.

The 2013 annual national convention will take place at the Orlando Wyndham Hotel, where members can partake in teaching seminars on protocol, etiquette, jewelry maintenance, butler services and more.

Haack hopes to bring the convention to Detroit by 2015. "We want to bring people into Detroit and give back to the city and surrounding communities. I hope to help Grosse Pointe in forever thriving and making sure all of their professional needs are taken care of."

To explore what DEMA has to offer, visit [domesticmanagers.com](http://domesticmanagers.com). 



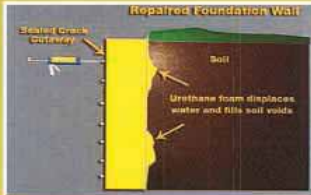


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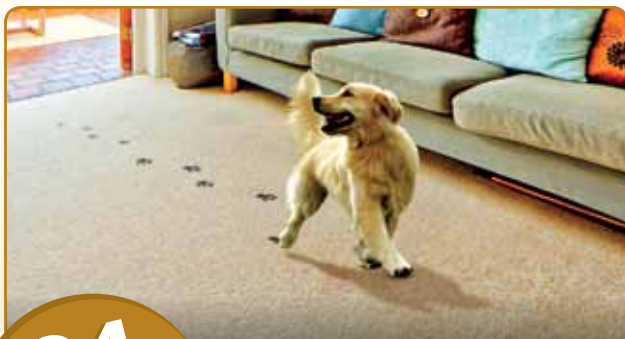
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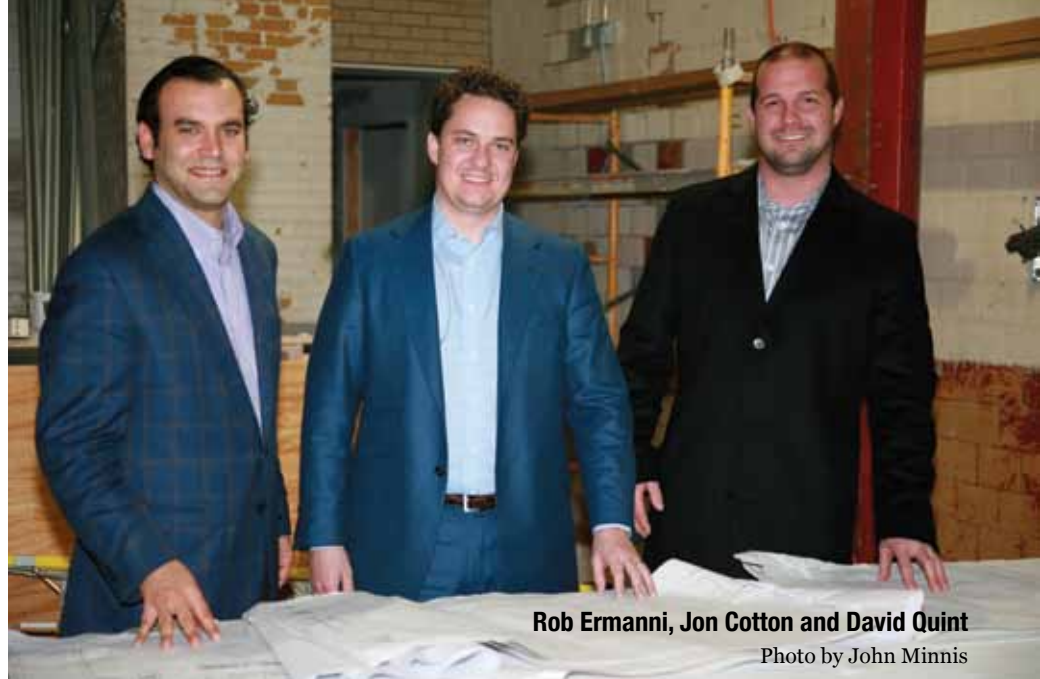
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# COTTON FAMILY LEADS PARK RENAISSANCE

By John Minnis

The “Cabbage Patch” today refers to the densely populated area of Grosse Pointe Park between Beaconsfield and Alter Road. While the term may have been derogatory, it is the very nature of the area — abundance of rental housing and walkability to businesses — that has made it possible for Grosse Pointe Park’s Renaissance at the hands of the Cotton family.

The Cottons — Dr. David and Shery Cotton and sons Jon, Michael and Sean, who all work in the family business, Meridian Health Plan (formerly Health Plan of Michigan) — are using their success to revitalize their hometown. In 2008, when Park income properties were being abandoned due to the collapse of the real estate market, the Cottons formed Greenspace, a real estate holding company, with the idea of buying abandoned houses and tearing them down rather than letting them become blight. They found, however, that with a little work, they could be rehabilitated and rented to college students. They then formed the nonprofit Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation to rent to students and subsidize their rent to the tune of \$350 a month. In



Rob Ermanni, Jon Cotton and David Quint

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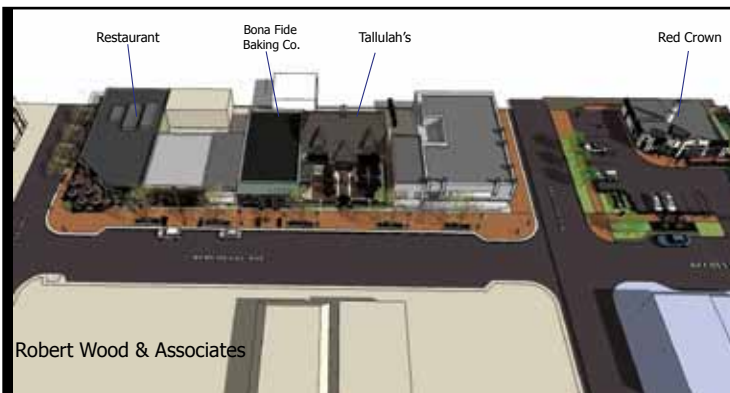
its first year, the program was a huge success. The Cottons own 36 homes, comprising 53 units. More than a dozen landlords, who agree to improve their properties if necessary, have also joined the foundation.

With more than 200 applicants from Wayne State, U-D Mercy and the College for Creative Studies and residents from Beaumont and St. John, the Cottons realized they needed something for the young people to do. So they purchased seven commercial properties on Kercheval, including the old “Red Crown” Standard gas station, Mulier’s Market, the Full Circle resale store and the church across the street. Mindy Lopus, owner of Tallulah’s in Birmingham and now a Grosse Pointer, is opening the Red Crown restaurant in the old Standard station, Bona Fide Baking Co. in Mulier’s and a second Tallulah’s in the Mulier’s parking lot. A brew pub is planned for the old church and another restaurant for Full Circle storefront.

The Cottons want to fill in the commercial district with boutiques, retail and a grocery. “It can’t just be restaurants,” Jon Cotton realizes. “You have to have a total mix.”

Cotton’s good friend Rob Ermanni and David Quint of the RPM Group serve as general contractors and manage the foundation. Fellow Grosse Pointer Rob Wood is part of the design team. “We’re not doing this to flip houses,” Jon Cotton says. “We’re doing this here because it’s affordable and walkable.”

Ermanni and Cotton credit the city of Grosse Pointe Park and City Manager Dale Krajniak for making the project possible. “This is big,” Krajniak says. “This is a win-win.”



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# MINDY LOPUS COOKING UP SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR G.P. PARK

By Michelle Balconi

Mindy Lopus beams with enthusiasm in the glow of colored lights where it is rumored literary great Jack Kerouac once had a drink or two. This is Lopus's first time at neighborhood bar Rustic Cabins although she is quickly on a first name basis with Dave Feys, the owner's son and frequent bartender.

Lopus, owner of two successful concepts in Birmingham, is opening three new restaurants in Grosse Pointe Park along Kercheval. The experience has gone so smoothly that she and her husband Rick now call the area home.

"This whole process has been a dream," says Lopus. "The people in this community truly love it here and are welcoming and supportive."

Lopus's Silver Pig Restaurant Group has introduced three concepts to Grosse Pointe Park. Red Crown is a family-style restaurant located in the old Standard Oil location, while Bona Fide Bakery and Tallulah will be housed in the former Mulier's Market and adjacent parking lot. All three will feature outdoor access and emphasize fresh ingredients.

"We are excited to create unique environments for the different groups of people in this community," says Lopus. "I have many ideas about restaurants I'd like to open and Grosse Pointe quickly proved to be a natural fit."

Although she is somewhat new to this business, Lopus experienced great success in the computer leasing market where she worked for decades. Her approach to entering this high failure rate industry was strategic – learn as much as you can from proven professionals. Lopus studied and earned certification from the Culinary Institute of America and her Silver Pig board members are regarded as top talent in their fields.

"I come from a long line of strong women and remember




my grandmother telling me if I could dream it, then I could do it," Lopus says. "Exploring and owning different types of restaurants is my passion, so why wouldn't I pursue it?"

Lopus is a big-hearted entrepreneur who shares her time and resources as co-founder of Detroit's Feed the Need. The year-old organization pools resources with other area restaurants in order to feed metro Detroit's hungry.

A partnership with the Cotton family was an easy decision, according to Lopus. The family's housing foundation for area college students solidified her decision to work together on such an expansive development opportunity.

"The Cotton family really invests in the people they do business with and I respect what they are doing in this community," says Lopus. "They are refreshing and even fun to do business with and it reflects the attitude of everyone I've met in Grosse Pointe."

This was best illustrated as Lopus walked out of the Rustic Cabins and Feys, the friendly bartender, shouted over the blaring jukebox, "goodbye - hope to see you soon." 

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***they were both living in New York City. The pair decided to get married in the bride's hometown of Grosse Pointe.***

**Wedding Date: August 10, 2012**

**Ceremony Location: St. Paul on the Lake**

**Reception Location: Grosse Pointe Yacht Club**

**Men's Attire: Lord Willy's**

**Hair: Salon 76**

**Makeup: Sandy Bowman**

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### *What made your wedding unique?*

“ There were many personal touches throughout the entire day. At the reception, each table was named after a member of the bridal party and had a picture of the person with the bride or groom and a quote of their favorite memory with the bride or groom or a piece of advice.

The food at the Yacht Club is delicious and the dessert menu featured mini-hummers and a groom's cake made to look like the groom's golf bag. There was a basket of flip flops near the dance floor so ladies could take off their uncomfortable heels and dance. ”

### *What was your favorite wedding day memory?*

“ It was an incredible day and there are so many great memories from the whole weekend! Looking around the entire day and seeing all your family and friends surrounding you is a surreal feeling.

Another moment that stands out is the 30 minutes between the ceremony and the reception. We drove down the lake from the ceremony to the reception in a vintage Packard and immediately went to take a peak inside the ballroom. It was breathtaking and wonderful to see all the details come together.

We also did one final practice run of our first dance. It was the only time we had the entire day just the two of us, and it was great to be able to catch up and get excited for the amazing night to come. ”

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**Athletic build:** Highlight beautiful shoulders with halter neckline or choose a bodice with a defined waistline to create an hourglass shape.

**Pear-shaped:** Try a ball gown, dropped waist or A-line gown. These draw attention upward and define the waistline.

**Full-figured:** Mermaid or trumpet style gowns are perfect for full-figured brides, as they play up and accentuate your curves.

**Straight line or boxy build:** Ball gown and empire waisted gowns work best for a straight lined figure, as they create a defined waist and elongate the body.

**Tall:** Nearly all styles work on a tall bride, from sheaths to A-line to ball gowns.

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# Meet Yvonne

<b>Name</b>	Yvonne Maes-Nazareth
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Park
<b>Occupation</b>	Salon Owner/Stylist



**What was your first job?** I was a dishwasher at the Cadieux Cafe (my father was from Belgium)

**Your most often used phrase?** “That’s interesting!” I always love to learn about new things, ideas and people.

**Best advice you have received?** From my mother, “It is always best to be honest.”

**If you weren’t the owner of Do, by hair co., what would you be?** Neuroscientist. I am fascinated with the brain and the advancement they are making in brain research.

**What is your next goal?** Right now I am at Wayne State University working on a degree. I love to be around young people and I love to keep learning.

**Favorite thing to do outside of work?** Dance. I was a member of a contemporary dance troupe in Detroit for 15 years and still love doing it.

**Words to live by?** Follow your heart, don’t worry about what other people think and be kind.

## Do, by hair co.

Do, by hair co., co-owned by Yvonne Maes-Nazareth and Maureen Beleck, was a dream come true. They both wanted a salon that people felt comfortable going to, no matter what age, color, sex or economic status.

And they have succeeded. Clients are always expressing how much they enjoy their time there.

Their other goal is to make sure the staff is well educated and providing the best hair and nail service possible. Do, by hair co., has been in business for 27 years and they are quite good at what they do.

## About Yvonne

Yvonne, born and raised in Detroit, has wanted her own business since childhood.

She started out selling rhubarb out of a wagon, then managed a law firm downtown and finally owned Do, by hair co. in Grosse Pointe Park.

Her son Evan is completing his Masters in school psychology at Western Michigan University and just began work at a juvenile rehabilitation center in Kalamazoo.

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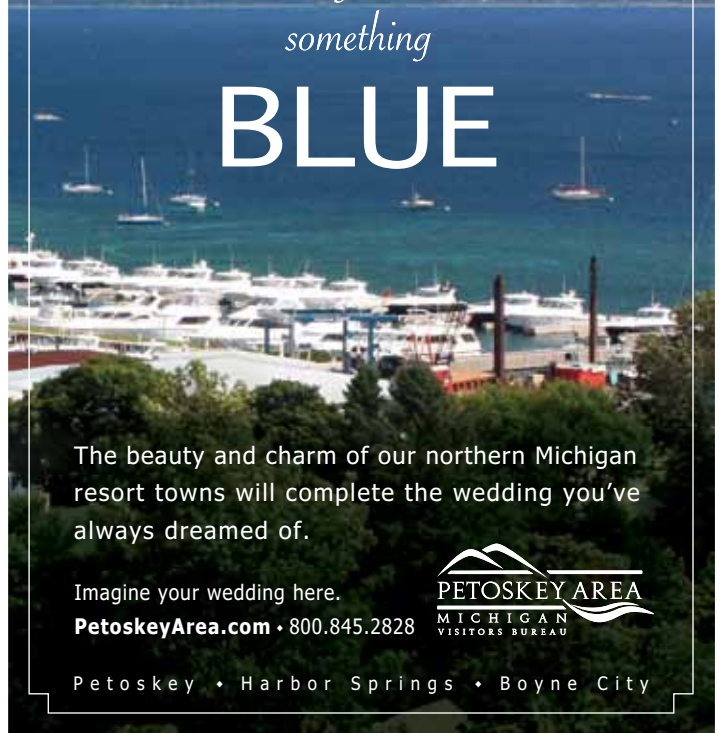


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Most caterers get their business from word of mouth. Ask for at least 10 former clients and call as many as you can. Ask questions such as: Was the caterer easy to work with? Were there any problems that came up and how did the caterer deal with them?

### **Do you have a business license and liability insurance?**

Caterers should be licensed by the state. Make sure you see proof of liability insurance as well.

### **Can we sample from your menu?**

Make sure you know what it is you'll be getting for your money. Some

caterers will charge a tasting fee, but it's worth it.

### **What does the price per person include?**

Is the cost strictly for food, or does it cover tables, chairs, linens, tableware, punch service, table displays, etc.?

### **What other fees do you charge?**

Are tips and taxes included in the price? Some caterers will charge a cake-cutting fee or corking fee for wines. Make sure you get all fees in writing up front.

### **Do you handle special menu requests?**

You may have guests with special

menu needs, such as food allergies, vegan or kosher requirements. Make sure your caterer will accommodate these needs.

### **What are the payment arrangements?**

You need to find out how much of a deposit is required, and if it's refundable or not. Ask when the final payment is due and what the caterer's preferred form of payment is.

When you finally settle on a caterer, make sure you have a written contract to sign. This guarantees that they will provide the food, timelines and details you discussed.



*Christina and Michael, 2012*



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# Men: Is it 'T' time yet?

By Ken Welch

You're male, you're older, and in the last few years you've noticed you've become less tolerant, surly, if not downright angry all the time

for no real reason. When you're in your personal space you feel down, dejected and unmotivated. No matter how well you eat or try to exercise (when you can talk yourself into it), your midsection still keeps growing and getting bigger. Sex drive? Forgetaboutit!



Your wife says, "Snap out of it," and that you never use to be like this, which makes you feel even worse.

You ask yourself, "Are you not getting enough sleep?" "Just gotten lazy?" Maybe you just need to lose a few pounds...oh wait! I can't!

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

You, my friend, need to get your testosterone checked. This is no joke. Women talk about the "change of life" with their mothers, daughters, girlfriends, doctors, the girls at the salon ... everyone who will listen. No one tells men about the change of life they'll face when they get older. They chalk it up to age or weakness, just a "grumpy old guy." It's not thought of as a genuine physical, treatable problem.

Get your "T" checked and if it's low do something about it. Checking is easy and there are good treatments for it. You can get your old self back and get results from your workouts again. Left untreated it can become a host of problems. See your doctor. You'll be happy you did.

Ken Welch is owner and trainer at Pointe Fitness on Harper south of Allard. Online: [www.pointefitness.com](http://www.pointefitness.com).



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# RIGHT at Home

## The importance of color

By Virginia Ficarra



Are your walls talking to you? Nothing draws our attention like color; it attracts the eye and excites the senses. It triggers emotional responses and lasting memories. This year, blue-to-blue-green and true green echoes last year's attention to embracing Mother Nature's hues. The underlying theme is "blissful." If you are feeling winter's blues, or tired of beige and taupe, take a clue from the vibes in each room. It may be just a matter of painting one wall a different color.

Historically, color forecasts reflect the sign of the times. In a fluctuating economy, big ticket items appear in the "staying tones" of neutrals. The amazing thing about color is its moods. The color wheel is your economic



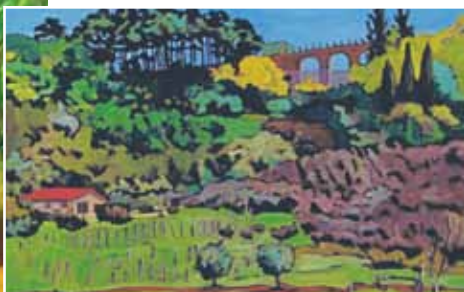
**Hue** is the identity of the color; **Value** is how light, or dark; **Temperature** is how warm or cool ; **Saturation** how bright or dull; **Monochromatic scheme**, use one slice of the wheel, outer edge to the center; **Analogous scheme**, use colors on either side of a slice; **Complimentary/contrasting schemes** are directly across from each other

tool; use it to harness your knowledge of what to look for and why. It puts you a step ahead in making home decor selections. There is more to color than meets the eye.

If reducing stress is your challenge, pick up a cool blue-green paint for your office or bedroom walls, similar to that of scrubs. Studies show this hue can lower blood pressure. If slimming down is your new year's resolution, a cool deep blue on your kitchen walls can curb your appetite. On the other hand, warm colors; yellow, reds and oranges are happy colors, but can stimulate your appetite and visually raise the temperature of a room by 10 degrees. To temper warm colors for any room, just lower their temperature with a tint.

Wall art is another great way to change the mood of a room. Select a theme, something to cheer you up, or calm your thoughts. In the painting, "Glow Of Youth," note its mood, temperature and complimentary hues in contrast to the complimentary, yet calming saturated tones of the terrain in "Countryside Home."

There are many ways to bring vitality and balance into your daily surroundings. Since



color trends run like a roller coaster, one simple solution is to select easily changeable items. Big or small, simply ask yourself, "Do I want the item to blend or contrast the space?" Blending is calming and contrast calls for attention. Refer to the color wheel for guidance or give me a call.

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Sadie Bolos, center, at the October 2012 Evening of Hope and Inspiration, held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

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# UNLOCKING PASSIONS PROPELS CAREERS AND INSPIRATION

By Susan Bollinger

Sadie Bolos's passion is helping others discover their passions, skills, strengths and gifts, then working with them to create a vision and strategic plan for a rewarding career.

"At the beginning, people ask me, 'I need to make a change, but what do I do now? Where do I go from here?' Within a week, they become excited and passionate about life and can't wait to get to the next place," says Bolos.

From recent college grads to an 80-year-old budding playwright, Bolos has worked with a broad spectrum of individuals including Big Three retirees, entrepreneurs, business owners and those seeking a new beginning after incarceration.


A former police and probation officer, Bolos was trained by motivational speaker and author Zig Ziglar. After working with his team, she returned to Michigan where she has since carved out her own niche with the Bolos Academy. She offers a concentrated program with six weeks of class followed by personal, one-on-one coaching.

"It's intentional and focused on achieving an end goal. People determine where they are headed and engage in actions that line up with their specific destination," she says. The cost is nominal, part of Bolos' desire to offer help that's accessible to anyone. New programs start every month.

A unique aspect of Bolos' program

is its faith-based foundation, which relies on the belief that God calls us to our purpose in life. Bolos explains, "When people follow their passions and gifts, embracing what they were created to do, life works. We become inspired, motivated and joyfully centered with an energy that explodes."

Bolos also holds a March fundraiser at the Okulski Family Theater and an Evening of Hope and Inspiration at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial where attendees learn about life-changing transitions firsthand.

For more information about Sadie Bolos, the Bolos Academy and upcoming events, log on to [www.sadiebolos.com](http://www.sadiebolos.com) or call (313) 886-3676. 

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# SENIOR MEN'S CLUB OF GROSSE POINTE

By Pete Waldmeir

When Ken Van Dellen found himself in line to become 2013 president of the 700-member Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, he likened his position to that of the proverbial "post turtle" that some numbskull picked up off the side of the road and left, stranded, high and dry on top of a fence post.

"Like the turtle," Van Dellen says, "I was wondering just how I got there - and what on earth to do next."

"It was the American Dream," the retired geology teacher from Grosse Pointe Park continues. "Here I was, a small town kid with little experience in leadership, being accepted by professionals and titans of industry."

Van Dellen, 74, hardly fits his self-deprecating description as a youthful rube. Or a helpless "post turtle" for that matter. He grew up in Charlevoix and holds degrees from Calvin College, University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

"When I was asked to join the SMC four years ago," Van Dellen says, "I thought 'I'm too young for that elite bunch.' But once I got there I realized the membership came from wide and varied social and economic backgrounds. I joined after my first visit."

As for the "titans" of the SMC that he leads, he quickly discovered that not all of the movers and shakers among them necessarily "move" much slower or "shake" much more than guys 20 years their junior.

A Grosse Pointe institution since 1959, the SMC meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the War Memorial. The lineup of speakers



**Veterans Day Speaker, Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson of the Tuskegee Airmen, and Senior Men's Club President Ken Van Dellen**

have included big names like Gov. Rick Snyder, Detroit Mayors Dave Bing and Dennis Archer, plus "movers and shakers" from the automotive, medical, dental, political, military, financial and even the sports world.

Van Dellen's favorite guest speaker so far? "Alex Jefferson, a member of the famed Tuskegee Airman who was shot down over Tokyo and taken prisoner by the Japanese in 1945," he says. "I don't care how old you are. His experience appealed to all ages."

Males over 55 or retired pay a \$25

initiation fee. Annual dues are \$35. Lunch and the speakers' program is \$10. There are a variety of sub-clubs, like books, bridge, bowling, golf, tennis, investing etc. that are open to members. The SMC also organizes group trips by members and guests to pro sports, the theater and various dining events. [P](#)

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# Elderly nutrition

By Terri Murphy

Good nutrition is important at every age. It affects the quality of our lives and helps speed healing if we become ill. Unfortunately, many older adults simply don't get the nutrition they need. In fact, evidence suggests that one-third of people over 65 suffer from nutritional deficiencies. Here are some senior nutritional facts to consider:

- Older adults absorb fewer nutrients from food.
- Fewer calories are needed to maintain body weight.
- Depression is common among the elderly and can directly affect eating and nutrition.
- Loss of appetite because of a decreased ability to taste or smell food is common among the elderly.
- People with Alzheimer's or dementia may forget to eat.

Here are some nutritional tips for seniors to consider:

- Reduce sodium to help prevent water retention.
- Enjoy "good fats." Olive oil, avocados and other monounsaturated fats can protect your body against heart disease.
- Add fiber to avoid constipation and help you to feel full longer.
- Avoid "bad" carbs, such as white flour, refined sugar and white rice. They digest quickly and cause spikes in blood sugar.

Put five colors on your plate. Fruits and veggies are rich in color correspond to rich nutrients. Try blackberries, melons, yams, spinach tomatoes, etc.

Good nutrition will be an improvement in your quality of life, mobility and independence.

Terri Murphy is a Certified Senior Adviser and the owner of Home Helpers, a non-medical home care company. You can reach Terri at (313) 881-4600 or email her at [tmurphy572@comcast.net](mailto:tmurphy572@comcast.net).



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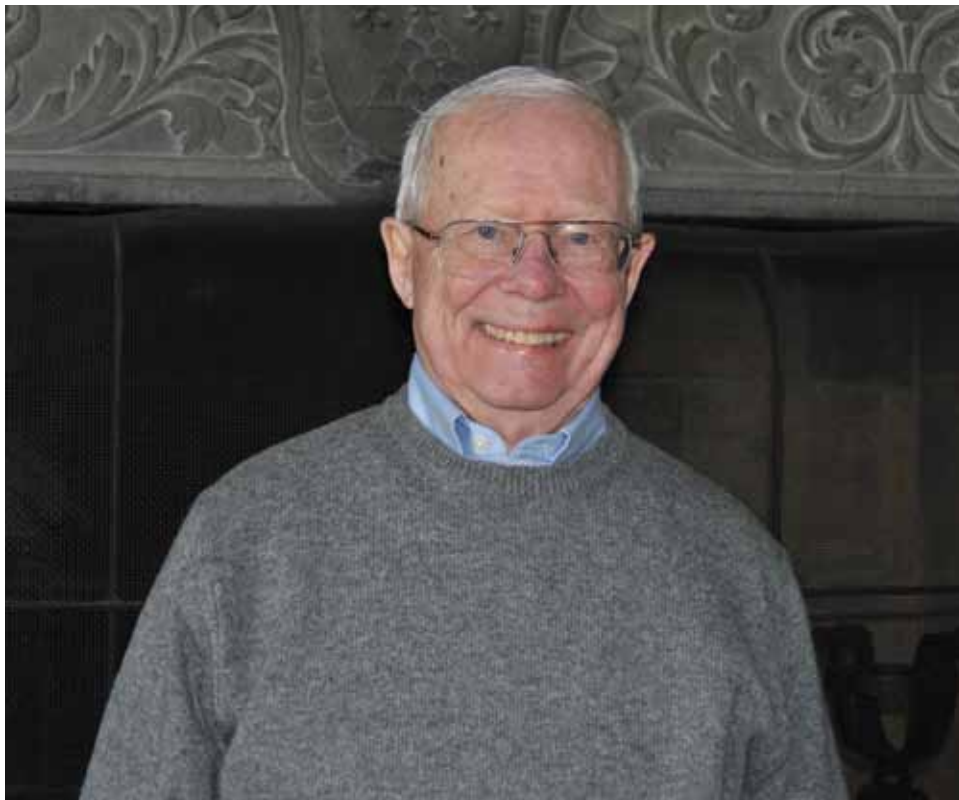
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# Meet Peter

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<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Farms
<b>Occupation</b>	Retired stockbroker



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### What is your guiding principle or words to live by?

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### One thing you miss about being a kid?

The energy!

### What was your first job?

Stockbroker

### Your biggest accomplishment?

Leading youth group at Detroit Unity (Palmer Park area)

### What is your biggest regret?

I have none.

### What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

Singing Handel's Messiah at Kingswood School, December 7, 1941 and coming out to learn about Pearl Harbor

## About Peter

Peter, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, has four children, Evan, Kate, Bill and Frank. He is widower to late wife Frances.

In his free time, Peter likes to play tennis, golf and bridge.

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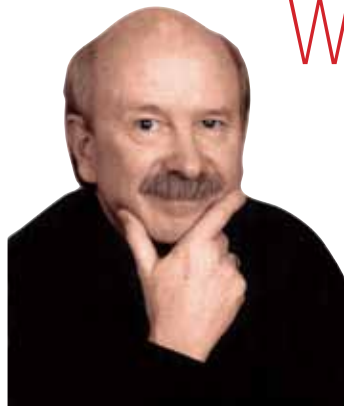
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# What's all this hubbub about **gluten**?



By Doug Cordier

Today, there is so much confusion about “gluten free” cooking. How do you straighten it all out? First, what is gluten anyway, and why is it so bad for humans?

Gluten (from Latin gluten, “glue”) is a protein composite found in foods processed from wheat and related grain species, including barley and rye. It gives elasticity to dough, helping it to rise and to keep its shape, and often giving the final product a chewy texture.

It is estimated that over 15% of the U.S. population have a sensitivity to gluten. That’s a huge number! Individuals can develop a serious disorder called Celiac Disease. Many people do not know they have a sensitivity to gluten. Gluten sensitivity can cause many unpleasant digestive disorders, such as bloating, diarrhea, gas, nausea, acid reflux, constipation, depression, autistic behaviors, joint pain, fatigue, infertility, ADD/ADHD, headaches, acne, night blindness, hair

loss, eczema and more.

If you are already experiencing some of these conditions, eliminating wheat, barley and rye products from your diet may be the answer to a healthier lifestyle. This means leaving out certain foods from your diet, such as pasta, pizza, crackers, wheat breads, beer, cereal, pretzels, bagels, baked goods and cookies.

Now you say huh? Are you crazy? What’s left to eat? Actually there’s lots to eat. Years ago, living a “gluten free” lifestyle was pretty difficult because many manufacturers included “hidden gluten” in many of their products. Today, there are many “gluten free” products on the market that can help everyone to lead a more normal life. Many manufacturers include gluten information on their labels. So check nutrition labels.

The question arises, should we be consuming wheat products at all?

**Read *Gluten-Free Cooking for Dummies* by Danna Korn and Connie Sarros.**

Humans haven’t been consuming wheat, barley or rye for much of our total evolutionary timeline. Our early ancestors didn’t even have these grains until many thousands of years later. For millennia, humans’ diets consisted of meat,



vegetables, fruits and nuts. I’m not recommending we return to the “stone age” but perhaps we could all lead a healthier lifestyle and feel better if we eliminated gluten from our diets.

There are far more foods that don’t contain gluten than do. Beef, pork, poultry, fish, corn, nuts, seafood, vegetables, potatoes, legumes, eggs, fruit, dairy products and on and on. Then there are the new “gluten free” products that are substitutes for many of the products on the “no-no” list. Super markets have “gluten free” sections where you can find many of these substitute brands. Many grains are gluten free, such as rice, tapioca, buckwheat, arrowroot, amaranth, quinoa, millet, taro root and tef.

Gluten free dishes do not have to be flavorless and boring. Try to stay away from prepared foods. Preparing foods with fresh ingredients will change your whole culinary experience. Your cooking will taste much better because you are using simple ingredients.

## Try this gluten free recipe! ***Corn spaghetti with tomato/basil sauce***

Cook corn spaghetti according to package directions (Trader Joe’s)

### SAUCE

- Large can of crushed tomatoes (Dei Fratelli)
- ¾ cup diced red onions
- 1 tbsp diced fresh garlic
- pinch of sea salt and pepper
- ½ cup torn fresh basil
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese
- Quality olive oil for finishing

### DIRECTIONS

- Sauté onions in olive oil, add garlic and crushed tomatoes, continue to cook for 5 minutes
- Tear basil and add to sauce.
- Toss pasta with sauce, anoint with oil and cheese in bowls
- Garnish with additional torn basil leaves

**Enjoy!**

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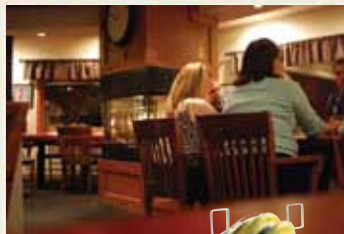


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When her husband, Anthony, was unable to return from Switzerland to Prague where he faced prison or worse on charges

fabricated by the new Communist Regime, Rose decided to escape. (As prefaced by Neil Shine)

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## Through the Eyes of Rose



By John Kozak

Now was falling, covering with its soft white mantle the stately villas of this thousand-year-old city steeped in the turbulent history of Central Europe. It was home to good King Wenceslaus; the Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV; Jan Huss, the reformation priest who challenged Rome; Jan Ziska, the charismatic reformation leader who defeated the Pope's Hapsburg armies; and composers such as Anton Dvorak and Bedrich Smetana, among many others.

Once again, Czech lands were invaded. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister of England, capitulated to the demands of Adolf Hitler during the Munich Conference on September 29, 1938. Eduard Benes', the president of Czechoslovakia, was deemed inconsequential. German armies marched into Prague; the onslaught was sudden, the occupation deadly.

"Not to worry," was the prevailing wisdom of many wishful-thinking Czechs. "We are

bound by treaty to England and France. They will come to our rescue."

A few weeks later, when the truth was known, that hope changed to a lament: "Where are you, oh heroes of old? Awake, knights of Blanik! Come out of your mountain and slay the enemy! Czech lands are invaded! Our allies have abandoned us!" Ancient legend told of St. Wenceslaus, asleep in the mountain called Blanik, with his army of knights. They would emerge during times of danger to the motherland and slay the invading armies. At this time, however, Blanik, surrounded by rolling meadows and fields brimming with wild flowers, stood remotely silent.

It was 3:00 am, and the air was bitter cold. Rose opened her eyes to the soft ringing of an alarm clock. She reached across the night table and quickly shut it off, lest she wake Anthony, her husband. Her sleep was fitful in anticipation of the journey ahead. Rose pulled back the feather thick and quietly climbed out of her warm bed, onto the cold hardwood floor. Warmth from their tiled heating unit standing in the corner of their bedroom diminished hours before. Frost crystallized on the windows, and her breath was visible in the cold room. Anthony did not have to get up for another three hours, and there was nothing else she wanted to say to him.

The decision was made the night before. They were running out

of food. Rose wanted to go, but Anthony felt that it was his duty as the head of the household. He was a proud man.

"Tomorrow I will leave early in the morning and travel to the farm we know near Kolin," Anthony said to Rose the night before. "I am certain I will return with a chicken or at least some cheese and potatoes."

"Anthony, you will be missed at work," Rose countered. "I know you feel that it's too dangerous for me, but I went several times before and nothing happened. I will arouse less suspicion in case they stop me."

Anthony continued to protest but knew she was right. If he was caught, he would be shot, and there would be no income for the family. However, if Rose was caught, there may be clemency shown towards a woman.

Rose knew she must hurry to catch the 5:15 am train out of Prague. She stepped out of her warm flannel nightgown and dressed quickly in the darkness, remembering where she laid her clothes the night before. She carefully

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packed the five sweaters she knitted into a large rucksack. The sweaters were to be used as barter for food—perhaps a dozen eggs, a duck, or a chicken—from a sympathetic farmer. This food would provide enough nourishment to supplement her family’s meager diet for several weeks.

The date was February 8, 1945, during the waning days of the Nazi occupation of Bohemia and Moravia, the western portion of a divided Czechoslovakia. Slovakia, the eastern portion, received favored status by the Nazis because they promised not to resist the invaders. Food was scarce, and what there was went first to the German army.

Anthony, Rose’s husband, was a manager at Czecho-Slavia, the largest freight-forwarding company in Czechoslovakia. He was a forwarder by occupation, an expert in the business of importing and exporting products from one country to another. He was fluent in eight languages and did his best to provide for his family. Food was strictly rationed, and with a three-year-old son, a thirteen-year-old daughter, and two grandparents in the same household, there was never enough.

This was Rose’s third trip to the countryside. It never seemed to get easier or less dangerous. The Nazis continually watched trains and buses for any type of contraband or food smuggling. Security was tight following the assassination of Reinhardt Heydrich, the Butcher of Prague, and the bloody reprisal on Lidice, a village northwest of Prague, which was completely destroyed—all males over fourteen were killed. Now no Czech was above suspicion.

Rose pulled on her fur-lined leather boots, slipped her arms into her heavy, dark brown wool coat, and wrapped a thick wool shawl, which her mother had knitted, around her head and neck. She slipped on her gloves and strapped the rucksack onto her back. Before walking out, she peeked into her children’s bedroom. Both Zdenka and Jaroslav were sleeping soundly, oblivious to the problems of the world. How comforting, thought Rose, to have someone else take care of you; the blissful innocence of youth.

She quietly slipped out the front door,

into the snow-filled darkness, pulling the heavy wooden door shut behind her, careful to not wake anyone. The cold wind numbed her face. She tightened the shawl around her neck, pulling it up over her mouth to keep the wind from scoring her face. With each step, the blowing snow covered her footprints ... gone without a trace. I’m a ghost, she thought, looking back. Is life this ephemeral? she



wondered.

Rose walked along the snow-covered path, between the two tall linden trees standing like giant sentinels on each side of the path. She walked up several stone steps and pushed open the creaking wrought iron gate to the sidewalk in front of her home. She turned to her right, walked another thirty feet, and descended a stone staircase along the east side of their property. The stone staircase was a shortcut between the houses; it led down to a main street, which wound its way towards downtown Prague and the train station near Wenceslaus square.

The old cobblestone steps were uneven and

blanketed with snow, making them slippery. Rose stepped gingerly in the darkness, trying to not lose her balance, her breath visible through her scarf. When she reached the main street below, her pace picked up.

As her boots crunched through the snow, she reflected on her fifteen years of marriage to Anthony; the birth of their son, Jaroslav, on February 6, 1942, during the darkest days of the occupation; and the birth of their daughter, Zdenka, ten years earlier in Bratislava, the capital and largest city of Slovakia. It was a former coronation city of Hungarian kings, with a prominent castle on the top of a hill overlooking the Danube River, providing protection from invading tribes during the days of old. It was a historical city, where Rose and Anthony married on December 20, 1930.

It was also the place where Rose suffered a misfortune she would have liked to forget. Several years before the war started, Anthony, fearing the depreciation of Czech currency, exchanged a large portion of their nest egg for two diamond necklaces. He asked Rose to take care of them while he traveled to Prague to assume his new position as a director of Czecho-Slavia and to find a home for his family and his aging parents. Rose wore the diamonds around her neck, under a high collar, for safe keeping. At night, she always placed them on the night table next to her bed. However, by the time Anthony found the home and asked Rose, Zdenka, and his parents to join

him, one of the necklaces disappeared.

Suspicion pointed to Maria the cleaning lady, who came twice a week. Rose remembered the morning Maria was cleaning the bedroom and noticed them laying on the night table. She commented to Rose, “Mrs. Kozak, those necklaces look beautiful. Are they real diamonds?”

“No, they are not,” Rose remembered answering, in an effort to dispel further interest. “They are imitations.” The following day, Rose noticed one missing. She searched everywhere but could not find it. Maria did not come to work. Rose called the police, but when they looked for Maria her apartment

was empty and she had disappeared. Although the impending war made this incident small in scope, Rose felt responsible and vowed to redeem herself.

She remembered how Anthony was reluctant to propose marriage, even after graduating from the Consular Academy in Vienna, Austria, because his position was not secured. How silly, she thought. Just then, her daydream was cut short.

A spotlight shined on her face, and a commanding voice asked in German, "Where are you going, madam?"

She was so engrossed in her thoughts she didn't notice the black Mercedes sedan quietly pulling up alongside her in the driving snow, like a panther stalking its prey. The car headlights were turned off, and the spotlight blinded her momentarily, catching her by surprise. She raised her hand over her eyes to cut the glare.

Gestapo! Her mind shrieked, sending shivers down her back. To be caught walking, alone at this time of the night, in an occupied city abounding with resistance activities, was reason enough to be stopped and have your identification papers checked. Even now, so close to the end of the war, the Gestapo were feared for their systematic efforts to eliminate any evidence of their brutalities from the advancing allies. They were Hitler's secret police, known for their skillful ability to make people disappear.

"Your papers, please!" was the next command. Rose felt disoriented but squelched her fear, knowing they preyed on weakness. She pulled off her gloves, reached into her coat pocket, took out her identification papers, and placed them in the black-gloved hand that reached out of the car window.

"And where are you going so early in the morning?" the voice asked again, with an edge.

"I'm taking the early train to Kolin to visit my sick aunt," Rose lied, adding, "I am a Czech citizen but also an American," hoping it would make a difference.

It did; the voice became more conciliatory. "I have an uncle in the textile business in Charlotte, North Carolina. Perhaps after the war, when we have defeated the Bolsheviks

with our American friends, I will visit him."

Rose was surprised that they actually believed the wild rumors circulating through the German Army that the Americans would soon align themselves with the Germans, against the Russians. However, she wasn't surprised by the changed tone. She speculated from the British Broadcasting Company radio messages, which Anthony and many other Czechs listened to each night, that in another few weeks, these Nazi henchmen would throw away their incriminating uniforms and run to the American zone, pleading their innocence.

"We were soldiers just following orders," would be their mantra. They knew they didn't

“ THE CAR DOOR OPENED, AND A TALL MAN WITH DARK GLASSES, DRESSED IN BLACK, STEPPED OUT... THERE WAS AN AIR OF DOMINANCE ABOUT HIM AS HE STOOD UNDER THE STREETLIGHT IN THE BLOWING SNOW, LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A GOTHIC NOVEL. ROSE BIT THE INSIDE OF HER LIP, RESOLUTE TO LOOK BRAVE. ”

stand a chance at clemency from the Russians, not after the devastation their invasion caused in Leningrad, Moscow, Stalingrad, etc.

"What is in your rucksack, please?" he asked pointing to her shoulders.

"Sweaters and clothing for my aunt," replied Rose.

The car door opened, and a tall man with dark glasses, dressed in black, stepped out. He had on a black hat, black leather coat, black boots, and black leather gloves. There was an air of dominance about him as he stood under the streetlight in the blowing snow, like something out of a Gothic novel. Rose bit the inside of her lip, resolute to look brave.

"Turn around so I can check your rucksack!" he barked. Rose did as she was told. He took off his black gloves, took out his flashlight, and rummaged through her rucksack. "How many sweaters does your aunt need?" he asked sarcastically. "Is this barter for food, perhaps?"

"No, of course not!" stammered Rose. "My aunt is old and sick; she needs warm clothing. We have a severe winter. I'm not breaking any of your laws. Please let me go; otherwise, I'll miss my train." She tried her best to sound convincing.

"Is your husband also an American?" he asked, surprising her with this question

"No, he is Czech," Rose replied, realizing that she was being set up. Had she said that Anthony was an American, they would have surmised that he was a diplomat and wondered why she was not chauffeured, creating additional suspicion as to where she was going this early in the morning.

"Where is he?" he asked impatiently.


"My husband is a director at Czecho-Slavia," she replied. "He will be getting up shortly for work, where he is needed to decipher export tariffs between our two countries; otherwise, he would have accompanied me."

"There are no two countries anymore. What was Czechoslovakia is now part of the Third Reich!" he shouted. "Is Czecho-Slavia the forwarding company on Wenceslaus Square?" he asked.

"Yes it is," Rose answered, wondering why he was asking all these questions.

"Be careful, madam," he warned, handing back her identification. "Because of partisan activities by your compatriots, our laws are severe and must be obeyed! Being an American will not save you." He climbed back into his car.

The Mercedes slowly disappeared into the snowy night, a stalker preying on the weak and unsuspecting. It took Rose several minutes to calm down; cold sweat ran down her back. In spite of her warm clothing, she shivered.

She walked faster now, trying to make up for lost time. 

To read the rest of *Through the Eyes of Rose* by John Kozak, visit [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [Barnes and Noble](https://www.barnesandnoble.com).

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**The Lake House Wine & Food Pairing** Oct. 16 @ Lakeland Banquet Centre

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**Board member Sharon Maier with  
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**White Christmas Carriage Unveiling** Nov. 13 @ Pier Park

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**Festival of Wreaths** Nov. 17 @ Grosse Pointe War Memorial

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**Grand Re-Opening Gala** Nov. 17 @ Detroit Historical Museum

Courtesy of the Detroit Historical Society



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**Mimi McMillan, Sandy McMillan, Bernadette Dennehy and Joel Alam and Corey and Devin Scillian**

**Grosse Pointe Santa Parade** Nov. 23 @ Hill to Village

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**Santa Claus**

**The Lake House Neiman Marcus Fundraiser** Dec. 4 @ Shery Cotton Home Photos by Jennifer Doser



**Julie Breen and Mary Huebner (before donating hair)**



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# February

# Calendar

## 05 TUESDAY

- GPCC Business Before Hours at The Little Blue Book, 8-9 a.m.
- GPPSS SERVE's Spirit of Giving in the Grosse Pointe North High School Gym, learn how you can give back to the community during this free event, sponsored by SERVE of GPPSS, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and the Beaumont Health Coalition, 6-8 p.m.
- Green from the Get Go: International Contemporary Basketmakers fiber art exhibit at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, runs through March 10

## 06 WEDNESDAY

- GPCC Learn at Lunch at Village Grille: Branding that Accurately Reflects Yours Business by Scott Advertising, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Junior League of Detroit Open House at Detroit Custom Framing & Art Gallery, 7-8 p.m.
- "Pasta in the Park" at the Tompkins Center, \$10, all you can eat pasta from Park Cafe/Blue Pointe, BYOB, make reservations with Jackie at marina@grossepointepark.org or buy tickets at Lavins Center or Parks & Recreation Office, seatings: 5, 6:30 p.m.

## 07 THURSDAY

- The Family Center presents "KINDERGARTEN II: Making a Successful Transition into Kindergarten" at Barnes Early Childhood Center, \$5 per person, 6:30 p.m.
- The Family Center presents "TIME-IN: Setting Up Successful Time-Out for Your Child" at Barnes Early Childhood Center, learn the rules of Time-In that focus on building self-quieting skills in children, free of charge, 7 p.m.

## 08 FRIDAY

- The Lake House Fundraiser at Detroit Custom Framing & Art Gallery: Sherry Allor hopes to spread the The Lake House message through her late husband Michael's memory, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- SOC "For the Young at Heart," third graders from Maire Elementary School will stay for lunch, accompany pianist Alice for a sing-a-long and distribute special cards, 11 a.m.

## 09 SATURDAY

- GPHS Izzy's Second Saturday Making Heart Sugar Cookies at Provencal-Weir House, \$15 per member, \$20 per non-member, 1-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Mother-Son Movie at the Community Center, 12:30 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes: Staff Life Tour, \$13 per member, \$15 per non-member, \$22 with house tour, also Feb. 23, Mar. 9 & 23, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## 12 TUESDAY

- Breakfast with US Representative Gary Peters at Lochmoor Club, 8 a.m.
- SOC Paczki Day, \$1 each, let Susan or JoAnn

### *Grosse Pointe Public Library Hot Reads for Cold Nights*

Sign up for our first Winter Reading Program for adults, **HOT READS FOR COLD NIGHTS**. Visit your branch library between now and March 23rd! Use the online program to keep a log of books and your name will be entered into the weekly drawing. Printed forms are also available. When you come to the library, stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a prize. Anyone who registers and reads during the winter months will be eligible to win a grand prize of a Reader's Bag of Good Things. For more information, visit [gp.lib.mi.us](http://gp.lib.mi.us) or call (313) 343-2072.

know your favorite type flavor by Feb. 8th, by calling (313) 882-9600 ext. 242, 11 a.m.

## 14 THURSDAY - Valentine's Day

- Valentine's Day Dance at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, bring your own wine, \$15 per person, 8-11 p.m.
- SOC Valentine's Day Party at St. James Lutheran Church, buffet by Marchiori Catering and entertainment by John Needham, sponsored by BrightStar Care, limited to 90 people, reserve and pay by Feb. 4, \$8 per person, 11 a.m.

## 16 SATURDAY

- 55th Annual Detroit Boat Show at Cobo Center, \$12 per person, children under 12 are free with an adult, runs through Feb. 24, Fri.-Sat.: 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun.: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.: 3-9 p.m.

## 17 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra at Parcels Middle School, 7-9 p.m.

## 18 MONDAY - Presidents' Day

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Baskets & Bites: Artist Talk & Tea, \$25 per member, \$30 per non-member, 2:30 p.m.

## 19 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Lunch and Movie featuring Moonrise Kingdom, \$9 for residents, \$11 for non-residents, register by Feb. 2, 12-4 p.m.

## 20 WEDNESDAY

- Teen Advisory Council at Beaumont Hospital, structured dialogue open to all high school students, 4-5:30 p.m.

## 21 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre's Purdon Studio Theatre at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House presents "Doubt," running Feb. 21-24, Feb. 28-Mar. 3, Thurs.-Sat., 8 p.m., Sun., 2 p.m., \$15 per person, call (313) 881-4004 for more information

## 24 SUNDAY

- "Pasta in the Park" at the Tompkins Center, \$10, all you can eat pasta dinners from Park Cafe/Blue Pointe, BYOB, make reservations with Jackie at marina@grossepointepark.org or buy tickets at Lavins Center or Parks & Recreation Office, seatings: 5, 6:30 p.m.

## 26 TUESDAY

- GPCC Business After Hours at FlashPointe Photography Studio, 5:30-7 p.m.

## 27 WEDNESDAY

- The Basic Elements of Classical Music at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$25 per person, 2-3:30 p.m.
- iPad & iPhone 101 at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$20 per person, 7-9 p.m.
- St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Family Dinner Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Relay for Life Kickoff at GPW Community Center, 6-9 p.m.
- SOC Pizza & a Great Movie at 159 Kercheval, third floor, watch "The Tourist" and enjoy pizza, dessert, a beverage and box lunch to take home, \$5 per person, 11 a.m.

# March

# Calendar

## 02 SATURDAY

- Exotic Animals of South America at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, sponsored by Lou's Pet Shop, \$3, 10-11 a.m.
- The Family Center's LEGO Artists Challenge at Barnes Early Childhood Center, bring your constructed LEGO creation March 1, and attend March 2 for judging and prizes, 12-3 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Birdwalk, \$7, also March 23, 8-10 a.m.

## 06 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Academy Open House, 6-8 p.m., for more info call (313) 886-1221
- The Family Center's "Live Safe for Mothers and Teen Daughters" at Barnes Early Childhood Center, a Live Safe Academy self defense class, 6:30 p.m.

## 07 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts presents musical "Brigadoon" at GPN Performing Arts Center, tickets may be purchased in advance at Wild Birds Unlimited, 7:30 p.m.

## 08 FRIDAY

- Laugh Your Heart Out: Celebrating the heart-racing benefits of chocolate, wine and laughter, wine and chocolate tasting from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Alger House, and comedy show by Jan McInnis to follow in the Ballroom, \$25 per person
- Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts presents musical "Brigadoon" at GPN Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

## 09 SATURDAY

- GPHS Izzy's Second Saturday Sew and Stuff a Fleece Sitting Bunny at Provencal-Weir House, \$15 per member, \$20 per non-member, 1-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts presents musical "Brigadoon" at GPN Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Baskets & Brunch: Green from the Get Go Closing Ceremony, \$25 per member, \$30 per non-member, 10-11:30 a.m.

## 10 SUNDAY

- The Family Center's 5th Annual ChariTea

- Bear Tea Party at Assumption Cultural Center, dress up for a tea party and bring one small new teddy bear for donation, in partnership with Assumption Cultural Center, Marchiori Catering and Assumption Nursery School & Toddler Center, \$20 per child, \$15 per adult, 1-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "The Heiress," also playing Mar. 14-17, 21-23. Call (313) 881-4004 for ticket information

## 12 TUESDAY

- GPCC Business After Hours at the Grosse Pointe News, 5:30-7 p.m.

## 13 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center presents "The Gift of You the Leader: A Night for Mothers and their Middle School Daughters" at Barnes Early Childhood Center, with Jennifer Mcmann-Buszka, coordinator Beaumont Parenting Program, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- "Pasta in the Park" at the Tompkins Center, \$10, all you can eat pasta from Park Cafe/Blue Pointe, BYOB, reserve through Jackie at marina@grossepointepark.org or buy tickets at Lavins Center or Parks & Recreation Office, seatings: 5, 6:30 p.m.

## 14 THURSDAY

- Come Dine With Us! at Grosse Pointe War Memorial through March 23, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Michigan Boating Industries Association 21st Annual Spring Boating Expo, Suburban Collection Showplace, \$10 per person, runs through March 17, Thurs.-Fri., 2-9 p.m., Sat., 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

## 16 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Daddy Daughter Dance at Grosse Pointe South Main Gym, 7-9 p.m.

## 17 SUNDAY - St. Patrick's Day

## 19 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Lunch and Movie featuring The Queen, \$9 for residents, \$11 for non-residents, register by March 8, event runs from 12-4 p.m.

## 20 WEDNESDAY

- GPHS Bicknell Lecture at Grosse Pointe Woods Library, The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan:

- People, Law and Politics with David Gardner Chardavoyne, 7:30 p.m.
- The Family Center's "Sugar and Spice: Everything Nice?" at Barnes Early Childhood Center with Marlene Seltzer, M.D., director of Beaumont's No Bullying: Live Empowered Program, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## 23 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Easter Egg Hunt at Lake Front Park, 11 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Shores Easter Egg Hunt GPS Municipal Park, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Farms Easter Egg Hunt at Pier Park, 10 a.m.

## 24 SUNDAY

- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$17 per person, reservations required, 10:30 a.m.

## 27 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe North Band & Orchestra Spring Concert at North Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Park Easter Egg Hunt at Windmill Pointe Park, \$5, 4:30 p.m.
- St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Family Dinner Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- The Family Center presents "Managing and Preventing Diabetes: Tips for Mothers and Daughters" at Barnes Early Childhood Center, with Dan Kellogg and Shirley Dunlop of Beaumont Hospital, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- The Family Center Presents "KINDERGARTEN III: Easing Into Kindergarten - Your Child is Ready, Are You?" at Barnes Early Childhood Center, \$5 per person, 6:30 p.m.

## 28 THURSDAY

- 2nd Annual Grosse Pointe FOP Lodge 102 vs. Detroit Lions Basketball Game at Grosse Pointe South, \$15, proceeds go to SOC and Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods Area Special Olympics, 7 p.m.

## 30 SATURDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Breakfast Egg-stravaganza, 9-11 a.m. or Brunch Egg-stravaganza, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## 31 SUNDAY - Easter



**Luke Faulkner, a kindergartner at Richard Elementary School**

Photos by Lisa Vreede

## RAZ Readers and more for Grosse Pointe students

On Nov. 26, Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education granted over \$99,000 to the Grosse Pointe Public School System's Board of Education.

Awardees ranged from Grosse Pointe South Solar Car Team to all nine elementary schools. Poupard Elementary School fourth and fifth grade classes received Netbooks, Ferry Elementary School four/five magnet class received Netbooks and wireless internet and Defer Elementary School four/five magnet class was granted the "iLearn with iPads" program.

The homework clubs at Defer, Ferry, Mason, Poupard and Trombly also received the "iLearn with iPads" program. All three middle schools received RAMP counseling program. Maire's fourth grade received enhancement of instruction for all writing.

Finally, all nine elementary schools were granted RAZ Readers, an online guided reading program.

This program allows students to work independently, at school or at home, reading books that fit their specific reading level. The teachers and parents are able to follow the students' progress along the way. Richard Elementary School teacher Susan Tawile



**Elli Richter and William Johnson, fourth grade students at Trombly Elementary School**

says, "It is such an amazing learning tool. The teachers, parents, and students all love using the program. You can really see how excited the students are about reading!" [!\[\]\(d8ab143e904bfa3467271eec5af75a9b\_img.jpg\)](#)



# Easter events for the family

**Saturday, March 9:**

**Grosse Pointe Historical Society  
Fleece Sitting Bunny**

Sew and stuff an adorable Sitting Bunny out of white fleece at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$15.00 per session for members and \$20.00 for non-members. Reservations must be made by March 7. Ask for Izzy at (313) 884-7010. Ages: 7 years and older. Event takes place from 1-3 p.m.

**Saturday, March 23:**

**Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunts**

Grosse Pointe Woods Easter Egg Hunt at Lake Front Park, 11 a.m.

Grosse Pointe Shores Easter Egg Hunt Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Park, 10-11:30 a.m.

Grosse Pointe Farms Easter Egg Hunt at Pier Park, 10 a.m.

**Sunday, March 24:**

**Grosse Pointe War Memorial Breakfast**

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Grosse Pointe War Memorial: Wear your Easter outfit and enjoy signature family-style breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, French toast and a make-your-own-sundae. The Easter Bunny will be available for formal photos and will visit all tables for casual family photos. New this year is a balloon artist, Da the Clown. Tickets are \$17 and reservations are required. Breakfast begins at 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, March 27:**

**Grosse Pointe Park Easter Egg Hunt**

Grosse Pointe Park Easter Egg Hunt at Windmill Pointe Park, \$5 per person, 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, March 30:**

**Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Egg-stravaganzas**

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Breakfast Egg-stravaganza: Enjoy a delicious family friendly breakfast, followed by a special visit and photos with the Easter Bunny. Pet real bunnies and chicks and take part in an all new egg hunt on the Ford House grounds, ages 2-10. Tickets go on sale Feb. 11. Breakfast Egg-stravaganza runs from 9-11 a.m.

Edsel & Eleanor Brunch Egg-stravaganza includes the same activities and takes place from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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# LAKELAND, TIGERS' SPRING HOME ... PASS THE MAYO!



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

Whenever some old geezer grouses that “They don’t make ‘em like they used to,” I can’t resist responding, “You’re right, my friend. They make ‘em better.”

A classic case in point as the defending American League Champion Detroit Tigers prepare to launch their 112th baseball season is the social and economic evolution of their ancient and venerable Spring Training home in Lakeland, Fla. What a back-country dump that central Florida hamlet was when the Tigers first stepped off the train in 1934.

Everything from water fountains and restrooms to lunch counters and accommodations in the New Florida Hotel on ‘gator infested Lake Parker were separated. To make matters

worse, you couldn’t even get a drink without leaving the county.

Apartheid didn’t affect the Tigers much then, of course. Jackie Robinson didn’t break the “Big Dance” color barrier until 1947. But it lingered into the early 1960s in Lakeland, when a 20-year-old rookie named Willie Horton became one of the last minority Tiger players who had to bunk in with a local black family instead of in the team hotel.

Once civilization arrived in the mid-’60s in the form of a Holiday Inn, however, things changed quickly. The Tigers moved their official lodgings into the new digs, which soon acquired a liquor license. And the city built a new ballpark for its star boarders and named it Joker Marchant Stadium after a local parks and rec official who looked and talked about as funny as his name.

Front office management and players alike reveled in the motel atmosphere as they celebrated their new-found freedoms. A couple of players went fishing one day, had a few beers and dumped their catch into the motel’s pool. Gates Brown grew a goatee, and he and Horton barbecued dinners on a charcoal-fired oil drum in the motel parking lot. The Holiday Inn even opened a small nightclub.

Spring Training for me, thankfully, never was devoid of humor — or irony.

In the player-popular Foxfire Restaurant one evening, two pilots who that afternoon had delivered a new airplane to pitcher Denny McLain

cussed me out sternly for writing such “horrible columns” about their new-found buddy. “Denny was so nice,” one said, “he insisted on paying the sticker” for the plane.

McLain, of course, could have agreed to twice the price. Months later McLain took a swing at one of those pilots as he was repossessing the plane.

Then there was the Spring Training Opening Day when Manager Mayo Smith lectured a group of us media dolts along the foul line. “If you’ve never stepped over this chalk,” he said, “you’ll never understand how tough it is to play this game.”

As Mayo blew his whistle and led the Tigers onto the field, one writer stepped over the foul line onto the playing surface.

“Get off the field!” Smith shouted. “But Mayo,” he pleaded, stifling a smile, “You said ... I was just trying to...”

Ah, Lakeland. I kinda hope they still do make ‘em like they used to.

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