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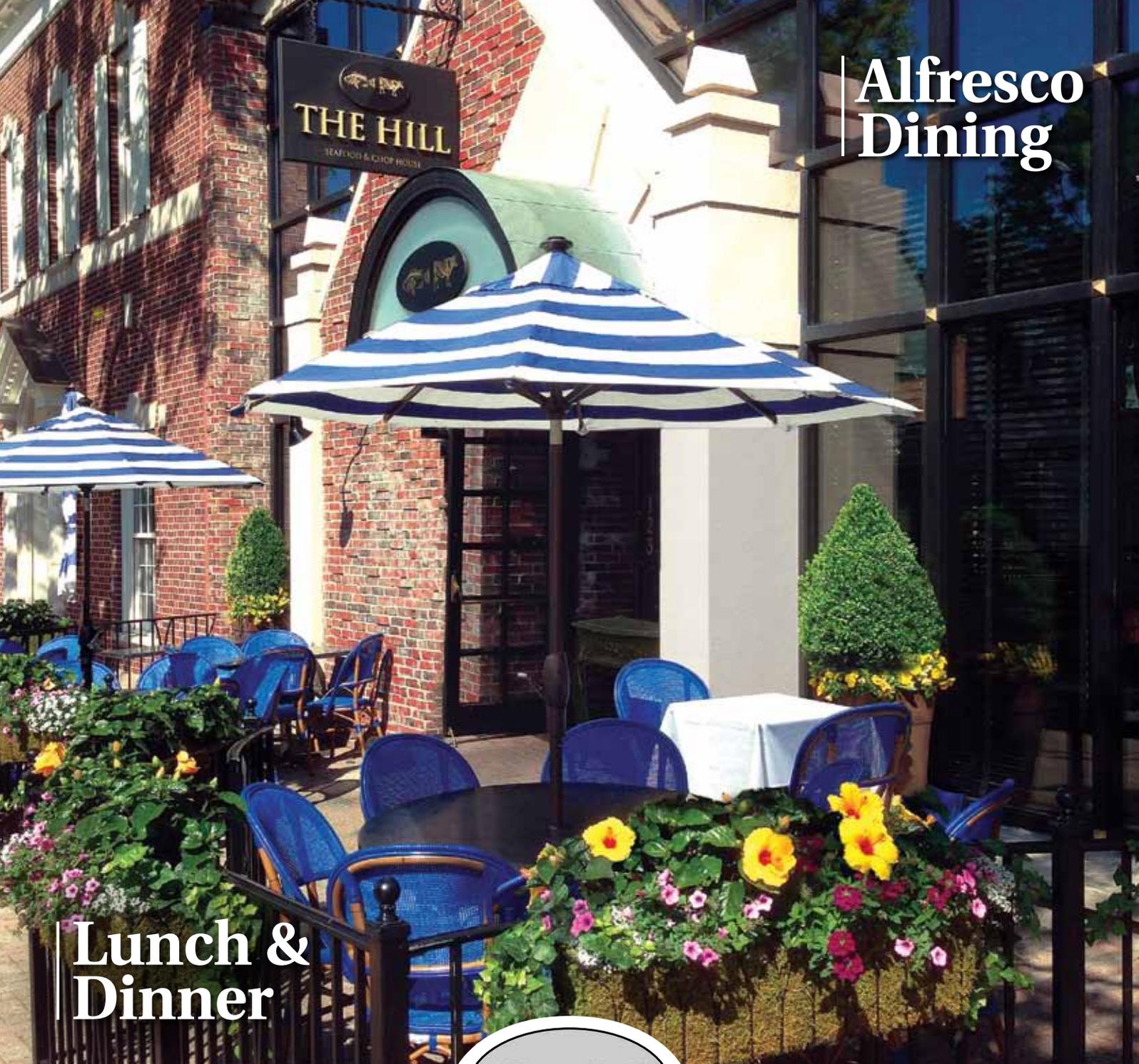
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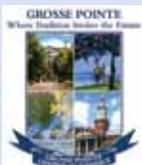
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Bob and Al Declercq provided the cover photo of their boat, the Flying Buffalo, which their father had built when they were children. See complete story on pages 50-51.

Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this object? On Monday, July 20, we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to respond with the most specific answer will win a family pass to the Michigan Science Center. Participants MUST wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck!

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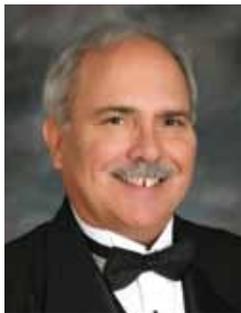
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New and old business

I have some exciting news about a golf outing Lochmoor Club is hosting with Pointe Magazine in the fall. That's the "new business." But before I get into that, I have some "old business" — namely, our "Top Grad" selections in the last May-June issue, as well as in each of the last six June issues of Pointe Magazine, beginning with Volume 1, No. 1 in May-June 2010.

Parents of an actual "Top Grad" ask how we can make the claim of "Top Grads" when, in fact, our grads are not the No. 1 and No. 2 students for each of our high schools, i.e., Grosse Pointe North and South and University Liggett. We never intended for our "Top Grads" from each of the high schools to in fact be the No. 1 and No. 2 students academically. We require they be "among" the Top Grads of each of the schools, that they have a minimum 3.75 grade point average and that they be "well rounded," i.e. active in academics, extra-curricular activities and community service.

There are good reasons why we do not attempt to determine the No. 1 and No. 2 students at each of the schools, at least as far as grade point average. For one thing, we sought to feature both a boy and a girl from each school. We would have to be very lucky to happen to have a boy and girl turn out to be the No. 1 and/or No. 2 students at each school. Chances are we could end up with two girls or two boys. That was not our goal.

Secondly, since this is a bi-monthly magazine, we are assigning stories some 45 days in advance of the publication

date. So for the May-June issue, we are seeking "Top Grad" nominees at the beginning of March — some three months prior to graduation. Accurately determining the No. 1 and No. 2 students that far in advance of graduation would be impossible or lucky.

The parents also question who our "sources" are for our Top Grads. While we will not divulge individuals, we can say we solicit from among school board members, school administrators and, at times, parent organizations and parents themselves. True, this is not scientific. Nor is it intended to be. As far as we are concerned, all our seniors in the Pointes are "Top Grads" and deserve recognition.

Among the teasers on the cover of the magazine, we announced, "Top Grads: Editor's Picks from the Class of 2015." On the table of contents page, we list: "Top Grads: Pointe Magazine's Top Picks for 2015 High School Graduates." However, on the top of the pages where we profiled the students, we only headlined: "Top Grads 2015." In the past we have included the words, "Editor's Picks" on the profile pages as well. This last time we inadvertently did not. For that and the confusion it may have caused among students and parents, we apologize. We certainly did not mean to offend or slight anyone.

In the future, we will not use the term "Top Grads" and instead will use the moniker, "Pointe Grads: Editor's Picks from the Class of 2016," etc. We hope that will eliminate the confusion and not offend or disappoint the students and parents of students who were, in fact, the

"Top Grads" of their class.

Now to "new business." Yes, we are excited to announce the 1st Annual "Lochmoor Club & Pointe Magazine Columbus Day Charity Golf Outing." Lochmoor has generously agreed to sponsor the event. Our first benefitting charity will be "Special Kids Inc.," an organization ably run by Jeanne Lizza of Grosse Pointe Woods. Special Kids offers individual, specialized therapies and services to children with developmental or learning disabilities in the Grosse Pointe area. Special Kids is a Michigan nonprofit corporation and an IRS 501(c)(3) organization.

Lunch will be provided by National Coney Island, and the shotgun start will be at 1 p.m. at Lochmoor Club on Columbus Day, Oct. 12. The scramble format is always a fun outing, allowing even the occasional golfer a chance to contribute to the team. There will be all the "skins" competitions, of course, including Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Hole in One Challenge, and much more. Following the event will be a tin can raffle, awards ceremony and a gourmet buffet with open bar.

We are looking for golfers, of course, and we have hole, bar, buffet and many other sponsorship opportunities available. To sign up to golf and/or be a sponsor, go to our website, www.grossepointemagazine.com, or email me at publisher@grossepointemagazine.com. Look forward to seeing y'all there! Fore! 

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Meet Owen



Name: **Owen Reiter** Age: **8** School: **Monteith Elementary School**
 Parents: **Eric & Rebecca Roberts** Siblings: **Benjamin, 12**
 City: **Grosse Pointe Woods** Interests: **Baseball, video games, riding his bike, Scouting**

Favorites

Game	Book	Family Activity
Magic the Gathering	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Going to museums

Vacation
Our 2014 summer vacation to Tennessee/North Carolina

School Subject	Outdoor Activity	What do you want to be when you grow up?
Reading and writing	Baseball	Professional baseball player

Who do you look up to and why?
Uncle Chris because he takes me to cool places and races dirt bikes.

About Owen

Owen is a fun loving boy that is always happy and makes people smile. He enjoys making new friends and really looks up to his older brother. Owen enjoys camping with his fellow Cub Scouts, especially the winter camp out in Fenton. This year, Owen completed almost every Wolf Scout achievement and earned many patches.

Meet Olivia

Name:
Olivia Grace "Livvy" Fedirko

City:
Grosse Pointe Farms

Parents:
Martha & Alexander Fedirko

Siblings:
Two cats and two dogs

Favorite toy or game:
Going to Kroger with Daddy and long family walks to the park, also a peek-a-boo of course!

Birthdate & time:
Oct. 19, 2014 at 2:45 a.m.

Cute habit:
Loves the ocean and the pool

First words:
Ta-daaaa!

About Olivia *in Mommy and Daddy's words*

Olivia is a Grosse Pointe baby who is surrounded by close family and our long time friends, a very social butterfly at the young age of seven months. She is a very happy baby who is always smiling and will make you melt with her baby blue eyes. Livvy is the light of our life!



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Designing the cars of tomorrow

By Robert Musial

People who see Rebecca Waldmeir tooling around Grosse Pointe with her two young children in the family SUV might think her a typical suburban mom. But she's thinking about the kind of cars we'll be driving in the future – and what they'll look and feel like.

Waldmeir is the color and trim design manager for Buick and the vision that she and her team and GM's stylists forecast for the future was validated with two prestigious awards at this year's North American International Auto Show.

The car they worked on, the Buick Avenir, was named the Best Designed Concept Car of the 2015 NAIAS. In addition, the sleek sedan also won for most Innovative Use of Color, Graphics and Materials, the field that Waldmeir works on at General Motors. Both of these EyesOn Design awards were made by a large panel of top automotive designers and others who judged vehicles making debuts at the show.

Noting that the Avenir “represents presence, elegance and sportiness all rolled into one,” the judges also singled out the car's innovative use of color and materials in making the second award.

A lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe, alumna of Our Lady Star of the Sea and Grosse Pointe North High School, Waldmeir sees herself as more of an artist than a car nut.



Rebecca Waldmeir
Photos courtesy of General Motors

“I was always interested in fine art and photography,” she says. “That led me into interior design which is what I majored in.”

At the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, she was surrounded by instructors from the automotive field and decided to apply what she knew about interior design to automotive design. After graduating, she pursued a job at GM and just a few weeks ago, celebrated her tenth anniversary with the company.

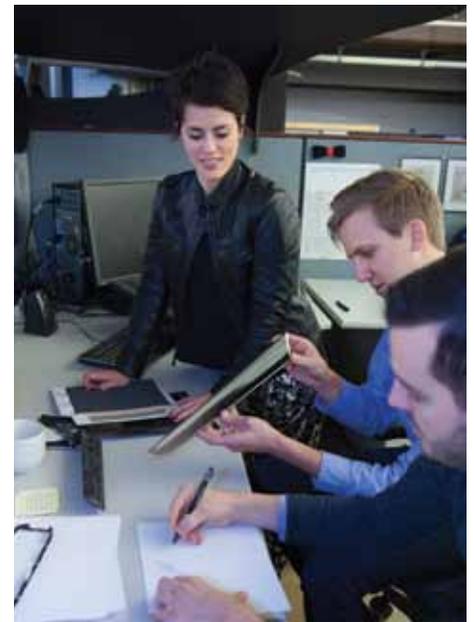
She's already worked on each of GM's brands, creating materials and colors for both production and advanced vehicles. She collaborates with GM's vehicle exterior and interior design studios worldwide, creating the final touches

and finishes on everything from a car's exterior color to the materials used on the interior, the finishes on the car's fabric, leather and wheels and the pieces of chrome and other materials that make up the car's “jewelry.”

Inspired by the way the ocean meets the shoreline, her team etched a flowing design for the Avenir on the

console and instrument panel and echoed that with flowing lines stitched into the leather seats and etched in the tail- and headlamps.

“My influences are designs that have lasting emotion, whether in fashion, furniture or architecture. It's great to work with young designers and have the freedom to create something that will attract customers,” she says. [P](#)



Buick Interior Creative Designers, Rebecca Waldmeir, John McDougall and Aaron Stich



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The Buick Avenir Concept North America design team: Eun Ju Lee, Rebecca Waldmeir, Catherine Black and Sharon Gauci

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Meet Katelyn



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Name	Katelyn Carroll
Age	18
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
School	Grosse Pointe North
Parents	Matt and Jenna Carroll

Katelyn's Favorites

Music Artist

Mumford & Sons

Music Genre

Broadway show tunes

TV Show

The Goldbergs

Movie

Pride and Prejudice

Actor

Colin Firth

School Subject

English

Vacation

Port Austin, Mich.

Food

Popcorn

Book

Pride and Prejudice

Teacher

Andy Montague

Extracurricular Activity

Student Council

About Katelyn

“I am thrilled to attend the University of Michigan this fall with my older sister,” says the recent Grosse Pointe North graduate. She has two sisters, Courtney, 20, and Ashley, 15.

“In my free time, I love to write. I have written several One Act plays and I hope to one day write a book.”

Katelyn’s other interests include tennis, singing and reading.

What interesting skill do you possess and what would you like to learn?

My Chewbacca impression is pretty spot-on. I’d like to be fluent in another language.

What song on your iPod would people be surprised by?

Mozart’s Requiem

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

1. To live a long and happy life
2. To travel the world
3. To have three more wishes

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Beginning my Master’s degree in education

What did you want to be as a child and what do you want to be now?

When I was little I wanted to be a princess and now I want to be a teacher, an author or both.

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COUNTRY CLUB OF DETROIT'S AQUATIC ICON

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By Beth Newhart

I can get a kid to do anything if I give them a ring pop,” laughs Liz Nelson. All bribery aside, sometimes a little sugar goes a long way, and don’t worry, parents, if your children are getting the candy from her, they’re probably working the calories off in the pool.

When you think of institutions in the Pointes, you think of the War Memorial, the Yacht Club and Country Club of Detroit. But even those institutions have institutions, such as Liz Nelson, who is in her 25th season as swim director at CCD.

Young or old, if your kids swim, you’ve probably heard her name. Her career goes back to 1980 when she started teaching swim lessons at the Woods park. Since then she’s been involved in coaching at the former Grosse Pointe Swim Club, the Hunt Club, Pointe Aquatics and North Girls’ swim team. She is currently coaching

with Grosse Pointe Gators during the school year and spending her summers with the Stingrays at CCD.

Craig Cutler, the general manager of the club has only worked with Nelson for two years, but grew up swimming and knows her reputation.

“We’re incredibly fortunate to have her, [and] to have her come back year after year,” he says. “She teaches some of the children of children [she coached].”

“She’s growing our team,” he continues. “We’ve put a huge investment in swimming and social [membership] because we have such strong departmental leaders. And at the forefront is Liz.”

Nelson’s goal is to instill a life-long love of swimming and help all her swimmers reach their potential. In what can be regarded as one of the hardest sports, struggles are many, but with Nelson, every baby step is

celebrated and rewarded. Hence, the ring pops.

“You have to keep it fun for them,” she says. “You have to reward those little successes and make a big deal out of it.”

The mother of two and grandmother of three, Nelson says her biggest accomplishment is raising her children to become loving parents themselves. She’s also blessed with an understanding husband. Jack Nelson, who swam for South and the NYC and was an All-American swimmer, understands when she’s exhausted all summer long and then disappears for entire weekends of school-year meets.

Always looking for the newest techniques for her swimmers, Nelson is constantly adding to “her tool box.” But when it comes right down to it, it’s about keeping it focused and fun.

“If they aren’t having fun,” she says, “they’re not coming back to the pool.”

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Three times the fun

By Beth Newhart

Jackie Hiller jokes that her husband, JR, always wanted twin girls. On the morning of April 20, he got his wish — and then some — triplets!

JR and Jackie are the proud parents of Ryan James, born at 10:05 a.m., and Vivian Elizabeth and Charlotte Rae, identical twins born at 10:06 a.m. and 10:07 a.m.

Just before Thanksgiving, Jackie went in for an ultrasound to see how her second pregnancy was progressing. That's when the couple looked at the screen and saw Baby A and Baby B labeled. They were told that the screen wasn't big enough to see Baby C as well. Jackie says JR turned white.

"It took days for me to wrap my head around it," JR says. "It's like you have all these thoughts. College. Weddings. You start panicking, but you can't worry about stuff like that." The couple also has a 3-year-old son, Jake.

Jackie's pregnancy went well, although she experienced a longer



Jackie holding Vivian and Charlotte; JR holding Jake and Ryan Hiller

period of morning sickness than with her first pregnancy. Carrying three, whose combined weight at birth was more than 12 pounds, was also physically challenging. She never had to go on bed rest and delivered the triplets at 34 weeks gestation. After two weeks in the NICU at St. John's, all three were home and establishing a routine.

Personalities are already forming.

Charlotte is sassy, as she was in the womb, and Vivian is easy going. Ryan is what Jackie calls a "baby baby," wanting more attention and help. With some assistance from both grandmothers, Jackie has found a routine and has everything organized. "It's hectic but manageable," she says.

Jake adjusted to spending a lot of time with Dad while Jackie was pregnant, since she was often tired and wasn't able to pick him up. He's had to learn to share his time, but Mom is working everyone in, going so far as to take all four children to the tot lot on a sunny day. Even George the dog, their first baby, has taken to the new additions, sitting on the sofa and guarding his pack.

The babies sleep four hours at a time, giving Mom and Dad a chance to sneak some sleep in. They feel a bit like robots, Jackie says, feeding, changing and getting them back to sleep around the clock. But it's worth it.

"The love and happiness of three new babies outweighs the work," she says. "Three more people to call us 'Mom' and 'Dad'." ☺



Charlotte, Jake, Vivian and Ryan Hiller

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Thursdays At The Library

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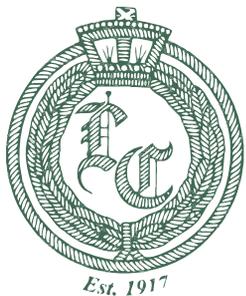
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Lochmoor Club and Grosse Pointe Magazine — two premier, quality institutions — are excited to announce their first annual Columbus Day Charity Golf Outing. The goal of the outing is to help raise funds and awareness each year for a Grosse Pointe nonprofit institution. This year’s beneficiary will be Special Kids Inc., founded by Jeanne Lizza of Grosse Pointe Woods.

“Lochmoor Club is pleased to be involved with Pointe Magazine in hosting a golf outing to benefit the local Grosse Pointe Woods charity, Special Kids,” says Lochmoor Club Treasurer Bruce Dall.

John Minnis, publisher of Pointe Magazine, concurs. “We are excited to partner with Lochmoor Club to help out yet another quality Grosse Pointe organization, Special Kids,” Minnis says.

“Special Kids is very excited to team up with Pointe Magazine and the Lochmoor Club for the first annual Columbus Day Golf Outing,” Lizza says. “We appreciate this opportunity and look forward to a great event!”

Founded in 2002, Special Kids offers individual, specialized therapies and services to children with developmental or learning disabilities in the Grosse Pointe area. Special Kids is a Michigan nonprofit corporation and an IRS 501(c)(3) organization.



The shotgun start for the Oct. 12 golf outing at Lochmoor will be at 1 p.m. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided by National Coney Island. Complimentary beverages will be provided on the course, and top prizes will be awarded for the usual skins challenges — longest drive,

closest to the pin, hole in one, etc. The golf outing will be followed by a gourmet buffet with open bar, an awards presentation and tin can raffle. Cost is \$175 for golf and dinner or \$50 for dinner only.

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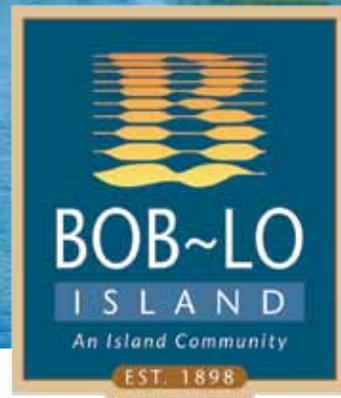
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By John Minnis

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U.S. residents, many of them Grosse Pointers. Since 9/11 and the 2008 real estate bubble crash, those numbers have reversed, but the island still lies there, beckoning, waking from a long winter’s slumber.

With the economy improving, buyers are returning to the island, and sisters-in-law Gena Boschin, head of marketing and sales, and Meghan “Meg” Boschin, the island’s “official” real estate agent, welcome interested buyers from the States, particularly Grosse Pointe.

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Staying close with a staycation

By Lauren McGregor

There are endless benefits to planning a staycation. It's cheaper, can be hatched spontaneously and is an excellent way to play tourist in your hometown. With summer being perhaps the easiest time to find diverse and exciting metro Detroit events, we've wrangled up a few of our top choices for staycation activities.

Sunday Music Bar at the Detroit Institute of Arts

The DIA's Sunday Music Bar features acoustic music spanning many cultures and genres, is free with museum admission and takes place every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Relaxing in the DIA's comfortably elegant Kresge Court listening to an acoustic solo performance is a great way to spend a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon," says DIA Public Relations Director Pamela Marcil. "In addition to the music you can indulge in a variety of snacks and shared plates and enjoy an array of beverages – from coffee and tea to wine, beer and cocktails."

Visitors can make a day of it by combining the Sunday Music Bar with a visit to other exhibits. Visit dia.org for more details.

Historic Base Ball Games at Greenfield Village

Every Saturday and Sunday from June to Aug. 23 the Lah De Dahs play ball at Greenfield Village. Sometimes playing the Village's own Nationals and sometimes batting it out against visiting teams, these old time players do it 1867 style.

"We adhere to the official 1867 rules in Haney's guide because Detroit hosted the first world tournament for baseball, the World Cup that year," says Senior Manager of Greenfield Village Programs Jim Johnson. According to these rules, gloves are allowed but rarely used, three balls are a walk, and the umpire is not behind the plate calling each ball. Rather, he



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takes a more reserved approach, mostly settling disputes.

Arrive early for the best spots on the rolling hill overlooking the field or follow the band from Town Hall to Walnut Grove in the Saturday parade. For more information, visit thehenryford.org/village.

Detroit Historical Museum

To relive Detroit's glorious past, a visit to the Detroit Historical Museum is a must. This summer you can feel doubly proud of the D by catching a screening of "Detroit, Remember When: Motor City Memories and Hometown Traditions" on July 18 and 19 at 3 p.m. The film features rare footage of Briggs Stadium, Boblo Island, Belle Isle and more.

Another way to celebrate Detroit is by attending the museum's Detroit birthday party on July 23 from 6 to 10 p.m. Celebrate 314 years with food trucks, Atwater beer and music on Legends Plaza. For more information, call (313) 833-4143.

Michigan Science Center

With an IMAX theater, planetarium and constantly changing exhibits, the Michigan Science Center is an easy way to spend a packed day with the family.

One exciting temporary exhibit is Robot Lab, where visitors learn the basics of computer language, manipulate a Finch robot and compete in a daily robot challenge. Another exhibit which links the science experience to our Detroit home is Hyperscore. Visitors make music to be played by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. To learn more, visit mi-sci.org.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

Of course we have to mention our local estate, the stunning Edsel & Eleanor House and Grounds. Explore the beauty of the Lake St. Clair shoreline, as well as the estate of one of America's most prominent families on a guided house tour.

Want to truly immerse yourself in the surrounding nature? Join Rosann Kovalcik from Wild Birds Unlimited for a Family Bird Walk on Aug. 22. Expect to spot anything from an Eastern Bluebird to a Wood Warbler to a Baltimore Oriole. Reservations are required and can be made at fordhouse.org. 



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You win the million dollar lottery. What would you do?

Travel for a few months; bribe my husband to join me in a flexible 'want to', rather than a 'have to' career; add a decimal place or two to the amounts I contribute to scholarship funds, the Capuchins and the Riverfront Conservancy.

What is the best gift you have ever received?

Both of my grandchildren have December birthdays. They were wonderful Christmas gifts!

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Having been a founding board member of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy

Words to live by?

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About Susan

Susan and husband Charles Yee make their home together in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Being a mom, wife and grandma are among my greatest joys," says Susan, who is mother to Laurel Leithauser Livorine and son-in-law Anthony and grandmother to Luke and Stella.

Her other great loves are outdoor adventures, her large extended family and thoughtful conversation.

"I am among the three percent of people who contact our representatives with my input," she adds.

"I feel little attachment to material things. I could make an excellent nomad," she says. "As long as I still had access to hot showers & flush toilets!"

And she's not scared of change. In January 2013, she left commercial banking to make a career out of her favorite hobby, fitness.

No 'quick fix'

By Ken Welch

While flipping through channels on TV one early morning as I drank my coffee and waking up, I was amazed at the number of infomercials there were, especially for fitness solutions.

P90X (several versions), Body Beast, Insanity and Insanity II, 21-Day Fix — all of them are put out by the same company that manufactures and markets these programs, Beach Body Inc., based in Santa Monica, Calif.



All are promoting quick results in 90 to, yes, 21 days. A curious point in these infomercials is that while they try to sell you on the idea of working out alone at home in front of your TV, their demonstrations are done in a gym or studio, with banging music and other energized people around them. They work up a sweat as their coach looks into the camera and says, "You can do this."

Let's say you actually get some results from your home-based workout DVD (that didn't seem expensive at the time), with nutritional guide and Tony Horton's personal phone number inviting you to call anytime you need motivation. What happens after your 90 days? How do you keep it going?

Simple: Retool your thinking. View your conditioning journey as a "practice" not a "get fit quick scheme."

Don't fall for the fantasy of a quick, easy fix. Work for yourself and develop your own "private practice." As 18th century author Samuel Johnson said, "What we hope ever to do with ease, we must learn first to do with diligence."

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

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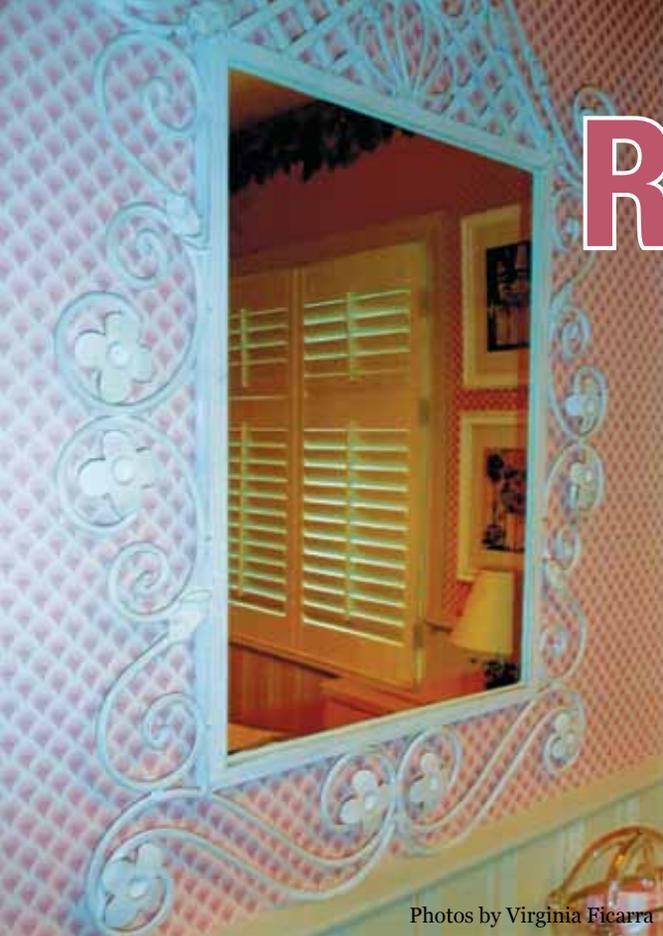
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RIGHT @ Home

A face lift with a smile

By Virginia Ficarra



The nursery was ready. Anna and Jacob, shortly expecting the arrival of their first child, now needed a quick and easy way to refresh their kitchen. The pint size kitchen with one small window needed a “face lift.” In one hour we put together a plan, and they were on their way.

I explained, “You may only need a screwdriver, a quart of paint, a ladder and perhaps some wall paper.” In just three weekends the transformation was complete. They were delighted with the kitchen. Not only did it feel larger, but moreover, cheerful and inviting. And just in time to welcome Jacob, Jr. Congratulations to the family and thank you for the photos.

Without a lot of fuss and expense three sets of cabinet doors were removed from above the sink, a small side cabinet and above the stove. Although the open shelving concept for baths and kitchens has been around a long time, in the past few years it has become a trend. They are noticeable in country kitchens and contemporary homes. Cabinets that are too high usually end up being storage for large or rarely used items. Instead the openings can become useful and remodeled to display kitchenware or cheerful vignettes.

A mirror, as pictured above, on a kitchen wall is like a faux window. It is an excellent decorative element to bring depth into any kitchen. If hung across from a window it also brings extra light as well as a view of your lovely garden. In fact, for additional reflection and depth in selected areas, do not overlook the possibility of a mirrored backsplash instead of tile.

This windowless space, pictured left, above the kitchen sink opens a 12-inch deep by 20-inch wide space. It was papered to match the existing wallpaper, and features a vignette of blue items including, *Starry Night* by Vincent van Gogh.

Fortunately, the stove wall backs up to a garden room with high windows. So the opportunity to remove the drywall from the back of the high shelf allows a see through view of a sunny blue sky. It did not take long to reposition some of Anna’s cook books and favorite collectors items, pictured right.



This handy eye level shelf exhibits a tea set, ready for a ‘four o’clock spot of tea’, while the baby naps.



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Maire to Cooperstown

Tom Gage to be honored at Hall of Fame



By Chuck Klonke

Bill Mestdagh Sr. probably didn't have any idea that the creative writing assignment he gave to his first fifth-grade class at Maire Elementary School would send one of his students on the way to a permanent place in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

That student is Grosse Pointe City resident Tom Gage, the long-time baseball writer for the Detroit News. Gage will receive the J.G. Taylor Spink Award at the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies at the end of July. He will be recognized in the "Scribes and Mikemen" exhibit in the Hall's library.

"That assignment got it all started," says Gage. "He gave us 25 words and the assignment was to use all of them in a short story. That was such fun. It fostered an interest in creative writing. That and writing game stories after playing All-Star Baseball."

Gage spent 36 years as the Tigers beat writer for the News before leaving earlier this year. The Spink Award is given annually to a writer for "meritorious contributions to baseball writing." Gage joins the list of Spink recipients that includes Red Smith, Ring Lardner, Grantland Rice and Detroiters H.G. Salsinger and Joe Falls.

He edged long-time Atlanta Constitution and Journal columnist Furman Bisher in the closest vote since the balloting was taken over by the membership of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Gage has had many great memories while covering the Tigers. He covered the team when it won the World Series in 1984 after getting off to a 35-5 start. He also covered the 2003 team that lost 119 games. Gage chronicled the 2006 squad that stunned a lot of folks

when it made the World Series in Jim Leyland's first year as manager.

Those are all highlights in a Hall of Fame career, but Gage's fondest memories are a lot simpler.

"Just the writing was the best memory," Gage says. "Baseball changes every day. It's a tapestry that unfolds in front of you every day. There's something within that game — the game itself might be the same — but there's something that's different from the game before and the game after that makes it interesting to write.

"You can watch a game for five or six innings and have no idea what is going to differentiate that game from all the others. You think you've seen that a million times before and it never disappoints. There will always be something you haven't seen before or something you have seen but haven't written about. It's an ever-



Tom Gage and Bill Mestdagh Sr.
Photos by John Minnis

changing scene and it's a fascinating game."

The Major League baseball season is 162 games over 26 weeks. That doesn't include the six weeks of spring training or a postseason that can last for a month. There is also plenty going on during

the offseason with trades, signings and other developments.

Baseball provides quite a challenge for a beat writer and Gage met that challenge.

"There's the challenge to be fresh, to make sure no story sounded the same," Gage says. "One of my colleagues, Danny Knobler, who covered the Tigers for Booth for 20 years, said that I never mailed it in. That's what I'm most proud of."

Gage has covered hundreds of people in the game and developed friendships with many of them.

"There are a lot of great people in the game — and a lot of characters, too," he says. "I've been privileged to call a lot of those people friends now that they've retired — Alan Trammell, Tom Brookens, who had the best sense of humor of anyone I've covered, Sparky Anderson, Jim Leyland — the list goes on and on."

Gage grew up in the City of Grosse Pointe, and played in the Grosse Pointe Little League for five years.

"My first team was called the Grosse Pointers and I was a standout left-handed third baseman," he says with a smile, adding, "and the only truth to that statement is that I was left-handed and a third baseman."

Gage graduated from University Liggett School, where one of his claims to fame was picking up the first penalty for the Knights' hockey team.

"Some guy tripped me, I slashed him and off I went," he says. "Or it might have been the other way around."

Gage went to Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., with the idea of getting a major in history and going to law school. Midway through his college years, he got more serious about a career in journalism.

"Baseball was always the sport I followed the most," Gage says. "My grandfather was very interested in baseball. Then I think it skipped a generation. My dad was an engineer who was more interested in how the stadiums were constructed than in the game itself."

Gage attended his first game at Briggs Stadium in 1956.

"I think any of us who went to Tiger Stadium shares the thrill of walking through those corridors and seeing the

green, green grass," he says. "And the smell of those hot dogs steaming in those boxes."

He worked in New Orleans for six years before taking the job with the News and moving back to Grosse Pointe, where he and wife Lisa (a Grosse Pointe North graduate) still reside and where their son J.T. (an attorney in the Dallas area) grew up.

Gage has had some time to reflect on his honor since receiving the call last December.

"It's a great honor," he says. "It means that someone appreciated the years that I put in doing the game stories, the notes and the amount of work that goes into covering this game. People don't realize that deadline writing means you have to have the story done at the end of the game. It means that my peers recognized how much work goes into my career."

Gage has a unique approach in covering baseball. A person doesn't have to be a diehard fan to appreciate his stories. They appeal to everyone from the casual fan to the one that knows all the nuances of the game.

"I'm a conversational writer," he says. "It doesn't look like a dialogue, but I try to relate to what the fan is taking out of the game. I never wanted to overdo the numbers in baseball. Obviously, it's a game of numbers but if you write too many numbers in your story it's going to slow your writing down."

"I've always tried to concentrate on the speed with which I wanted to reader to read my story. I wanted it to be breezy and fresh where the paper could be passed around to every member of the family who could be entertained by something in the story. You have to write for the hardcore fan who wants stats, and you have to throw in funny quotes to entertain a wider array of readers."

That's something that Gage has treated Tigers' followers to in a superb manner for nearly four decades. Φ

GROSSE POINTE'S SUPER NOVICES HIT THE BRICK

By Melissa Walsh

Three young hockey players from the Pointes are competing in the 25th annual Brick Invitational Super Novice Hockey Tournament in Edmonton, Alberta, this June 29 to July 5. The Brick is a world-class competition earning players distinction as elite youth athletes and promising life-long memories of their early hockey careers.

Little Caesars squirt major head coach Marco Trevino selected Stevie “Wheats” Wheatley (#62), Jackson Wade (#65) and Chase “Bubba” Mazey (#77) to join the Detroit Junior Red Wings Brick tournament team, the only select squad from Michigan competing in The Brick. Fourteen squirt major (atom “super novice”) teams (players born in 2005) will compete in The Brick’s two-division round-robin format.

This year’s DJRW Brick squad will face the Toronto Bulldogs, Team Minnesota, Team Pennsylvania, BC Junior Canucks, Saskatchewan JR Pats and Team California. Trevino selected the team in March from Michigan’s 2005 birth-year hockey players and added three from Florida and Canada.

“It’s really special, because we have players from all over,” says Mazey. “And [the team] was put together for one tournament.”

Since finalizing his roster, Trevino has led the boys in on- and off-ice training and conditioning. While USA Hockey rules dictate automatic offsides for peewee-age players and younger, including squirts, players of all ages in Canada follow delayed offsides, or “tag-up.” This leads to faster offensive play for DJRW to prepare for. In addition, Canadian squirt-age players may take slap-shots, thereby typically evolving a stronger shot



Chase Mazey



Jackson Wade, Chase Mazey and Stevie Wheatley

Photo by Kristine Terpstra

than their American counterparts.

Commenting on adjusting to Canadian hockey, Wheatley says, “It’s better ‘cause the players are better. That’s where hockey was made.”

As the DJRW squad practices tagging up to attack and winding up for the slap-shot, they must also prepare for adjusting to varying styles in play.

“The Minnesota teams are definitely well skating teams,” Trevino says. “The Eastern teams are very skilled teams. California teams are very skilled.” As for the Canadian competition, he says, “Western Canada is more of a dump-and-chase, hard-working team style. The Quebec teams are more skilled teams.”

Wheatley, Wade and Mazey will share in similar squirt major memories as current NHLers David Booth, Drew Miller, Steve Kampf, Matt Hunwick and others, who also represented Detroit in The Brick. Even if they don’t bring home the hardware, the super novices will carry Brick super memories. Wheatley is looking forward to “the water park and the hotel and walking up the stairs to get to the rink.” Wade is looking forward to competing against opponents who are “a little more challenging.”

“I hear the O4s talking about it all the time,” says Mazey. “It’s going to be a really good time.”



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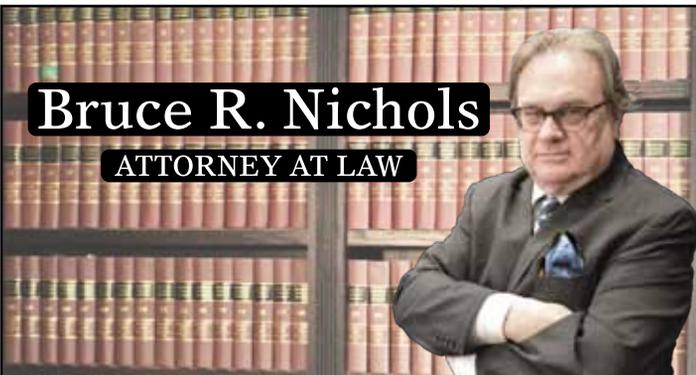


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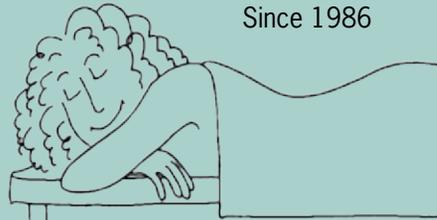
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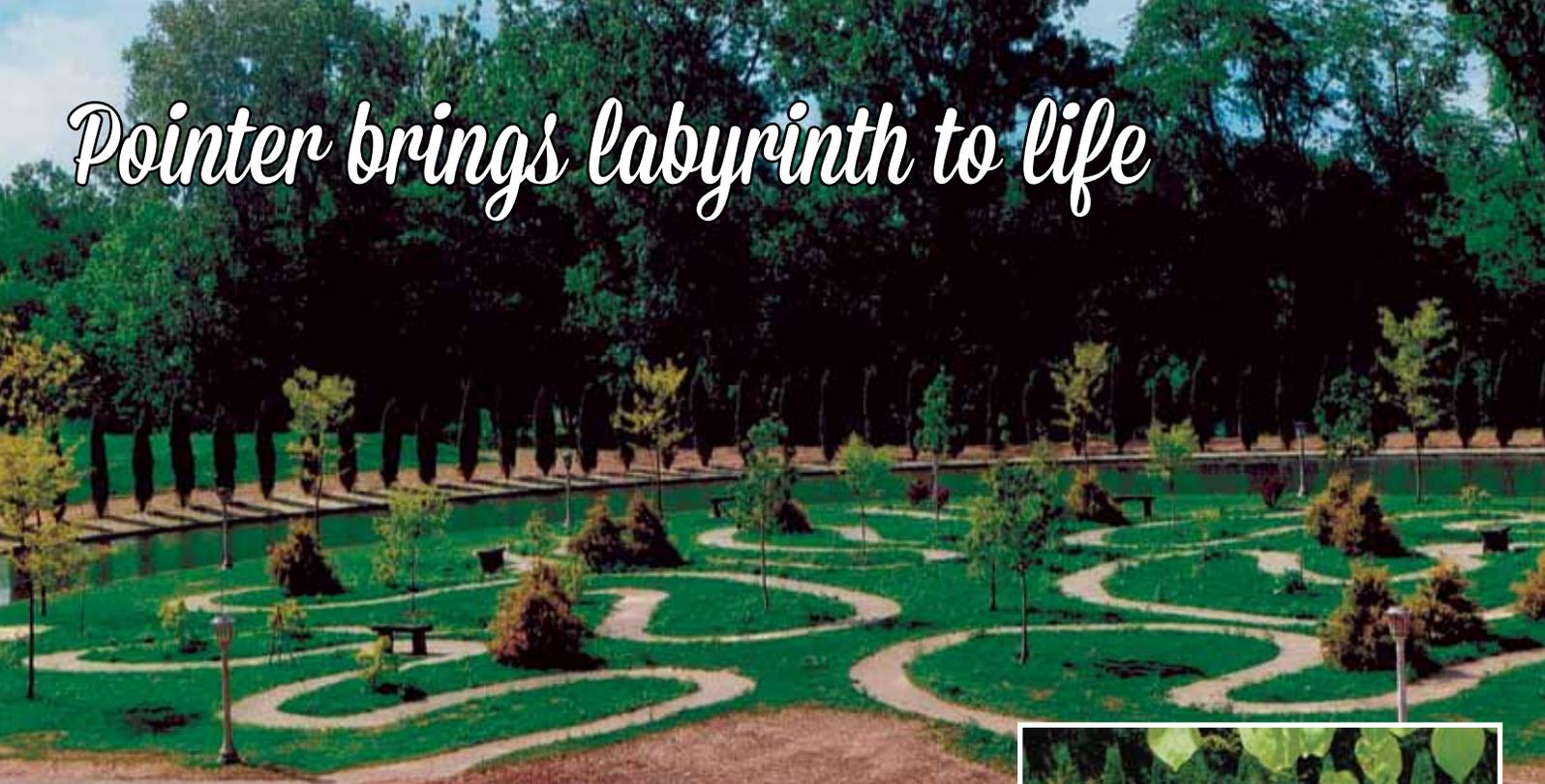
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Pointer brings labyrinth to life



By Beth Newhart

It was a chance meeting with a stranger that led to the discussion. The discussion led to the question, “Can you do it?” Virginia Ficarra replied yes, she could create a labyrinth, even though she’d never made one before.

Last November, the Tree of Life Labyrinth was completed in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Ficarra has added

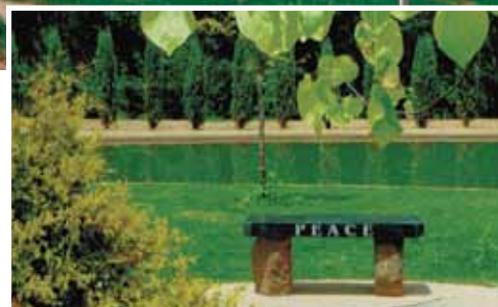
of the 120-foot diameter, 1,000 foot-long serpentine path that features five meditation ponds, each with a bench inscribed with a word: faith, hope, charity, love or peace.

“I walked the land and it spoke to me,” she says of the final design. “I thought of combining the labyrinth idea with a tree as if in a family album. There were so many people who worked there for years.”

Her original creation started with a sketch she did on an envelope while she walked. Once the design was accepted, Ficarra laid out a 120-foot by 120-foot grid on the ground. She then fashioned the design using yellow hoses under the strings. Concrete was poured, and before it could set, she added cullet to the top.

What is cullet? Before modern-day recycling and refuse removal, manufacturing facilities were known to bury excess materials on site. PPG was no exception, and hunks of glass, or cullet, were unearthed when the facility was torn down for the park. Ficarra wanted to incorporate part of the history of the land with her creation, and the shining pieces of glass reflect that intent.

Jan Reynolds serves on the board of the Foundation Conservancy. She had suggested a labyrinth be added to the park and along with her husband, Ken,



Cullet from the Pittsburgh Plate Glass plant



Ficarra sprinkling pieces of cullet along the labyrinth's path

another accomplishment to her storied curriculum vitae.

An author, interior designer, television producer and mom, Ficarra was drawn to the project at the new Ariel-Foundation Park, the former site of a Pittsburgh Plate Glass plant built in 1908. She engineered the construction

is funding the endeavor.

“Virginia’s design of the Tree of Life Labyrinth fits within the park’s overall design very well,” she says. “I am very pleased with the outcome of this project.”

As the weather warmed, grass, trees and other landscaping were added to the design and the horseshoe pond surrounding it.

“People go to a park to relax, and this is the serene place in the park,” Ficarra says. “When you have a labyrinth in a park, it brings people together to find reasons for life, for celebration.”

This summer, the people of Mt. Vernon have something great to celebrate. ♡

Lyme disease can be treated

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

Recently a staff member brought in a tick she found on her shirt after hiking in the woods and asked about Lyme disease. Lyme disease is caused by a bacteria which can live inside the deer tick. The tick needs to bite and feed on its host for over 24 hours to transmit the bacteria.

Just showering and checking yourself for ticks soon after coming in from the woods or brush significantly decreases chances of transmission.



I assured her she could not have gotten the illness if the tick did not bite her. Check warm, moist, dark and hairy places like the groin, armpits, scalp and behind ears and knees. Adult ticks are about the size of a sesame seed; nymphs are even smaller.

If you find one, remove it as soon as possible by grabbing it with tweezers close to the skin and pull straight up to make sure the mouth parts come out of the skin. Wash the area with soap and water or rubbing alcohol. For the next few weeks, pay attention to your skin and your overall health.

A Lyme disease rash can be anywhere, not just where you got bit and may look like a "bull's-eye" as time goes on. Some people never get a rash, but everyone experiences flu-like symptoms a few weeks after the infection. If you develop fatigue, fever, headaches, swollen glands, muscle and joint pain — without other obvious reasons — see your doctor immediately. Timely antibiotics will cure Lyme disease.

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



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Grosse Pointe Woods Trolley

Looks like Kercheval Ave. won't be the only Grosse Pointe street boasting a trolley travel experience. This summer, Pointers will also be able to journey along Mack Ave. in the characteristic transportation of yesteryear.

Leather handles for those standing,

wood planked seats and arch windowframes are just a few of the vintage details featured in the new Grosse Pointe Woods Trolley. It's hard to believe the rides are free!

Shortly after the K-Line Trolley began operating on Kercheval last summer, Grosse Pointe Woods Council began discussing the possibility of a Woods summertime trolley.

The trolley began running June 5, and operates Friday and Saturday evenings through Sept. 30, from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., making a loop that begins at Mack and Vernier, by the Mobil Station.

A full loop takes approximately 30 minutes. The trolley seats 18 and is handicapped accessible with an emergency exit at the rear of the vehicle.

The city is looking into an "app," similar to one used by the Kercheval trolley, that would show riders the trolley's location "in real time."

Mayor Robert E. Novitke says, "We see the trolley as another opportunity to build that 'sense of community' here and assist our businesses. People are hopping on, stopping for coffee or ice cream, maybe a meal, and enjoying the amenities of the city." 



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A BAY VIEW COTTAGE HAVEN

By Susan Bollinger

A third-generation homeowner in Petoskey's Bay View community, Brian Clay Collins owns not only his own "Up North" getaway, but also the Clay family cottage first purchased by his grandparents in 1955.

"From the time I was a child, I dreamed of and knew I'd have a cottage in Bay View," he says. "I thought it would come later in life, but in 1990, we had an opportunity we just couldn't pass up."

Collins and his life partner, Roy Figrski, took the plunge and purchased the cottage, located directly behind the cottage the Clays had purchased so many years ago. The family joined the lots to create a back-to-back compound, sharing a common garden and enjoying contrasting picturesque views – from his grandparents', a "beautiful park, and from mine, Little Traverse Bay," he says.

An interior designer and owner of Brian Clay Collins

Designs, located in Grosse Pointe, Collins says the cottage offers an outlet for him and Figrski to express a shared passion for collecting antiques and "lovely objects. Our cottage is full of color, Victoriana, and the things that interest us. It expresses us in a much different way than our home in Grosse Pointe, which is more sophisticated."

Life changes for Collins and Figrski when they're at Bay View. "We do more entertaining," says Collins. "We throw a big annual party July 3, and have many smaller, more intimate cocktail and dinner parties. We love to spend time with family and friends, and there, we can focus on doing that."

Collins says he and Figrski are "different people" when they're at their cottage. "We talk to each other and our loved ones, enjoy quiet time, read and entertain. We can make time for the things that mean something to us. We aren't distracted, and that's what makes it such a nice haven." 



Under water? Rent it out!

By Anna Bartolotta

This June, I lost count of how many homeowners had walked into my office with a desperate look on their faces. They had found a new home in our area, were moving out of state or for some other reason had decided to sell. However, their attempts to sell their homes were unsuccessful to this point.



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GENERATIONS OF SMILES

By Patti Theros

Maybe it's in the DNA, since three generations of the Hadgis family have been providing quality dental care services for decades.

It all began when Constantine Hadgikosti arrived from Greece and found himself working and later owning a dental lab in Detroit. His son, Dr. Ted Hadgis, became interested in dentistry by helping in his father's dental lab.

Eventually Dr. Ted became a cosmetic and neuromuscular dentist and has been practicing in Grosse Pointe for over 40 years. His middle son, Dr. Craig Hadgis, continues the family tradition today.

Interestingly, Craig did not take a direct route to become an orthodontist. After graduating from Grosse Pointe North High School, he attended University of Michigan earning a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering and a Master's degree in Biomedical Engineering. After working in research at the university's Human

Motion Simulation Laboratory, Craig decided it was time to utilize his problem solving and artistic talents to provide excellent orthodontic care.

He graduated from University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry with a DDS and post doctorate certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry through St. John Hospital. At Jacksonville University, he received a specialized orthodontist certificate and today is a Diplomate with the American Board of Orthodontics.

Craig says his engineering background has proven beneficial, especially when it comes to the precision and technology that is associated with orthodontia.

"I utilize 3D technology to create a custom treatment plan for every patient," he says. "This offers a more accurate result with reduced treatment time."

Many of us remember the old school goop-filled dental impressions. Thankfully, with new state of the art technology, Craig uses impressionless

3D digital dental models. He also uses other 3D technology for the popular Invisalign orthodontic treatment system (an alternative to the traditional braces) and Insignia, or SureSmile (3D custom brackets and wires).

"I grew up understanding the role of good dental health in the patient's overall wellness and now I'm able to offer patients the healing effects of a healthy and beautiful smile through orthodontics."

Today he shares office space with his father but explains, "We keep separate office days and staff."

Craig spent his first few years practicing in Florida. But after marrying Michigan-born Anne, they decided it was time to start a new life together in their home state. "I love being back in Grosse Pointe and being part of the community once again." 

Above, Dr. Ted Hadgis, Jan Hadgis, Anne Hadgis and Dr. Craig Hadgis at the Grosse Pointe Woods office.



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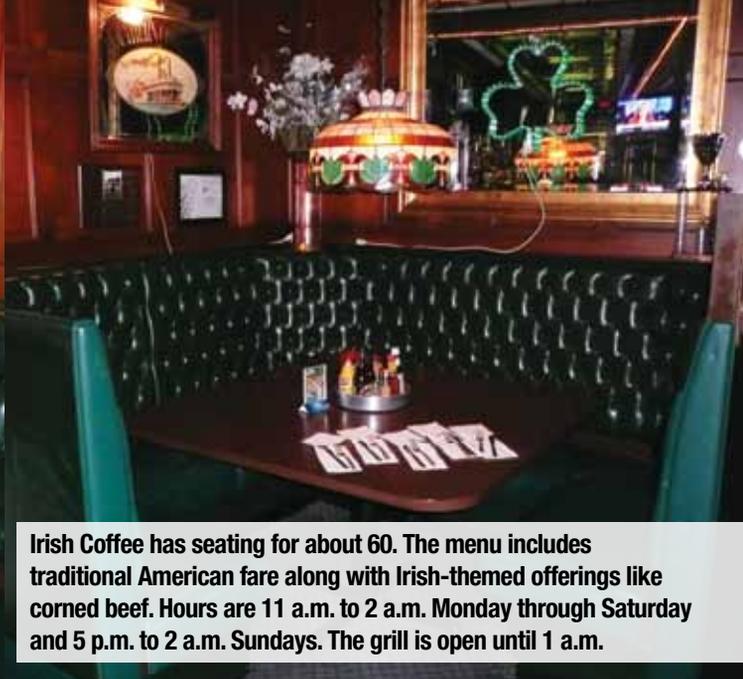
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IRISH COFFEE CELEBRATES 35 QUALITY YEARS

By Andrew Dietderich

*I*rish Coffee Bar & Grill is a Mack Avenue mainstay that's been bringing Grosse Pointers back since 1980, and owner John Kennedy says there's one big reason: consistency. Specifically, he says, consistency in quality, fresh food, cleanliness, friendliness, efficiency, good

day-to-day.

In fact, an insistence on doing things right is why the Kennedy family fully expects to be celebrating its 70th year in business in another 35.

"I've learned there are a handful of key qualities that really keep a business strong," says the elder Kennedy. "And it may seem easy, but it takes work because you really have to get all qualities right at the same time. If just one or two aren't working, you're in trouble."

Kennedy started learning about business in the 1960s when he was parking cars at Grosse Pointe's legendary Golden Lion restaurant. He calls it the best job he ever had and says it was when he

first started learning that it's the little things that make the biggest difference.

"If there was a crack in a window one day, the owners made sure it was fixed the next," he says.

His education continued into the 1970s when he worked at Jefferson Chevrolet and built up his business

acumen, especially when it came to making sure customers were always happy.

Kennedy opened his first restaurant in Florida later in the 1970s before deciding to head back to Michigan and open Irish Coffee Bar & Grill in 1980 with a partner — Pat O'Grady — that he bought out a few years later.

While building his career, Kennedy was also building a family with his wife, Kathy, who he says is the backbone of Irish Coffee Bar & Grill and "handles all the business paperwork." Together, they have four children — John Jr., Sally, and twins, Allison and Michael.

Kennedy says when he looks at the future of Irish Coffee Bar & Grill, he turns to Michael, now general manager.

Michael Kennedy, a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe South, started working at Irish Coffee Bar & Grill as a child and has done every job at the restaurant.

He says the combination of putting into practice those key qualities his dad instilled in him and the enjoyment of working with so many great Grosse Pointe regulars already has him looking forward to the next 35 years and beyond.

"I started as a kid washing the toilets and floors when we were closed on Sundays," says Michael Kennedy. "I've grown up with the business so it's important to me to carry on what my dad started." ☎



Photos by Andrew Dietderich

management and the ability to attract and retain great employees.

They're just some of the qualities that have helped Irish Coffee Bar & Grill stay in business for 35 years and counting — and the same ones he has taught his son, Michael Kennedy, 26, who is now general manager and running the place




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This year, Comerica Park will be filled with world-class performers, tribute acts, Vegas showgirls and deluxe casino games. Entertainment includes The Simone Vitale Band, Vegas Legends Tribute Band, DJ Prevu with live percussionist Jared Sykes, Scottie Alexander on the piano and festive Vegas showgirls and Elvis look-a-likes.

Food and cocktails will be available at The Tiger Club, Big Cat Court and additional locations throughout the park. A spectacular fireworks show will commence at 10:30 p.m.

After enjoying the fireworks, stick around for the raffle. Over \$30,000 of fine jewelry and timepieces will be raffled, including pieces from Roberto Coin, Mikimoto, Ippolita, Ivanka Trump, David Yurman, Rolex and Tag Heuer. Raffle tickets are just \$1 each and winners need not be present.

Anyone 21 years of age and older is welcome to attend and admission is free. Dressy summer attire is suggested. Valet and complimentary self parking are available. Raffle tickets can be purchased at edmund t. AHEE jewelers, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, online at ahee.com/capuchin or during the event at Comerica Park.

For additional information, visit AHEE.com and CSKDetroit.org. 



The grand prize includes a ladies Rolex Datejust watch valued at \$10,700.



SOC's art exhibit to debut this summer

This August, expect to see the walls of the John and Marlene Boll House, home to Services for Older Citizens, completely transformed. Adorned with local art, the SOC headquarters will be decorated in a long running exhibit for all to enjoy. All art will be for sale and a portion of the proceeds will go to Services for Older Citizens to fund art education classes.

The display will debut with a special exhibit featuring local artist Roselyn (Rose) Rhodes. The exhibit is in conjunction with Grosse Pointe Art Center's "Our Rivers, Our Lakes" exhibit that opens July 24.

Preview Party

A preview party will take place Thursday, July 30, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at SOC. Come enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to celebrate the exciting art installation. Tickets are \$50 and must be purchased in advance. Space is limited. Call (313) 822-9600 to purchase tickets.

Grand Opening

On Friday, July 31 there will be a free open house exhibit from 6 to 9 p.m. Rhodes' art will remain on display, and for sale, through October 17.

Meet the artist, Roselyn (Rose) Rhodes

Rhodes is a member of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, the Grosse Pointe Art Center and its exhibition committee, The Anton Art Center, and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center (BBAC).

The impressionistic to abstract quality of her work is loose, spontaneous and full of expressive color. Her brush strokes evoke an energy that can visually transmit the emotional experience in her paintings.

She is continuing her exploration of oil painting through classes at the BBAC, various workshops and plein air painting. Rhodes has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design and Fine Arts from the University of Michigan, and additional classes from College for Creative Studies. She worked as a graphic designer and art director prior to teaching art.

Rhodes does private commissions, shows at several galleries and has work exhibited in a variety of local venues, including the Grosse Pointe Art Center, Oakwood Hospital, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, The Great Frame Up and Okulski Theater in Grosse Pointe Park. 

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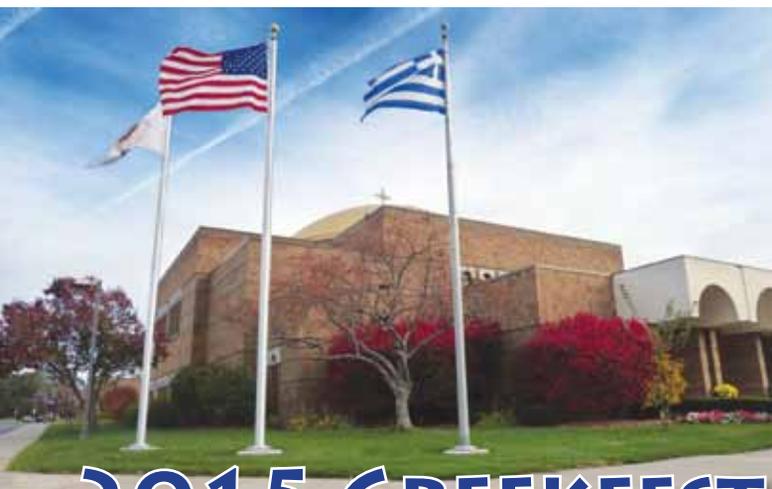


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2015 GREEKFEST

By Patti Theros

Assumption's Greekfest is the perfect summertime four-day fun-filled event that offers something for the entire family. With authentic Greek food, entertainment and culture, Greekfest kicks off Thursday, Aug. 20 at 4 p.m. and runs through Sunday, Aug. 23 at 8 p.m.

Festivalgoers will enjoy live entertainment, Greek dancing, marketplace shopping, a kids tent, taverna and delicious Greek pastries. The grand opening ceremony is Thursday, Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m. with surprise guests and area youth performing. Throughout the weekend, entertainment will be provided by Oneiro, popular Greek Band, Metro Detroit's Gentlemen of Swing, Michigan's leading vocalists, the Ambassadors with Motown Sound and much more.

Regular admission is \$2 and children under 12 years of age are no charge. Free parking and shuttle service is available and valet service is provided for a nominal donation!

The kids' tent features Turbo Tubs, Dixie Twister, a climbing wall, mechanical bull and giant slide. There will also be a petting zoo and ponies each day from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 1 to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The Grand Raffle will be held Sunday, Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m. with the 1st prize being a 2015 Chrysler Jeep Cherokee Latitude, 24 month pre-paid lease, 10,000 miles a year with a value of over \$9,000 donated by Jim Riehl's Friendly Auto Group. Biggby Coffee and Subway include \$1,000 to winner of car for taxes and license fees.

A drive-thru carry out express station will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call ahead at (586) 596-6326. Deliveries will be made to offices and businesses for orders \$50 or more during these hours.

Tours of Assumption Church will be given daily. Visit the cultural exhibit in the Hellenic Room prepared in collaboration with the new Hellenic Museum of Michigan.

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church is located at 21800 Marter Rd. For more information call (586) 779-6111 ext. 3 or visit www.assumptionfestival.com

Proceeds from the Festival will benefit outreach programs of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center, and Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center. A celebrity "Empty Bowls" auction will also be held at Greekfest with proceeds benefitting Cass Community Social Services. ☐



Racing For Kids to the Hill will again be held on the Wednesday before Labor Day, Sept. 2, on Kercheval Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Grosse Pointe Farms-based national charity uses the popularity of motorsports to generate awareness and funding for children's healthcare institutions across the country.

Racing For Kids has brought IndyCar drivers to the bedsides of more than 28,000 hospitalized children over the past 26 years. Nearly \$6.5 million has been raised for the hospitals visited and other child healthcare institutions.

Eight years ago, a group of merchants and business owners from the Hill Association came up with the idea of staging a fundraising event for this hometown charity and the Racing For Kids to the Hill event was born.

"Every year we have surpassed the year before in terms of attendance, participation and enthusiasm," says co-chair Tom Buhl. "Our community has really embraced this event and the support has been amazing."

The daytime street fair celebration, including The College of Creative Studies artists and their work, is free and open to the public from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take part in the sidewalk sale, children's games, moon walks, refreshments and more. The street fair will also feature an appearance by a race car driver as well as the Detroit Grand Prix showcar with many other exotic or "dream" cars on display.

Benson Ford, Jr. is the Honorary Chairman and serving on the Steering Committee are co-chairs Tom Buhl and Ed Russell and committee members, Robbie Buhl, Kathleen Conway, Julie Corbett, Margaret Deinek, Linda Finger, Sue Hanawalt, Dan Jensen, Dan LaLonde, Amy Muzingo, Kristin Townsend, Mary Wells, Debby Wright and Pat Wright. ☐

Racing for Kids Cocktail Reception and Live Auction

Support Racing for Kids by attending the cocktail reception and live luxury auction at Northern Trust from 6 to 9 p.m. The gathering will feature gourmet fare from the Dirty Dog Jazz Café, The Hill Seafood and Chop House, Jumps, Café Nini, Café Bella, Luxe Bar and Grill, and Fresh Farms Market. The Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe will provide music by Johnny Trudell Orchestra.

Tickets to the evening reception are \$100 in advance or \$125 at the door or if purchased after Aug. 28. For more information or to receive an invitation, call the Racing For Kids office at (313) 882-3403.



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Country Club of Detroit Summer Village

By John Minnis

A new, five-star summer resort just opened up in Grosse Pointe — at the Country Club of Detroit. As part of its renovation and expansion plans approved in 2013, the 118-year-old club cut the ribbon in May on its new “Summer Village,” complete with four new buildings, outdoor game areas, a new toddler pool and splash pad, zero entry access to the big pool and ample parking.

“This project was no small investment,” says David FitzSimons Jr., current Board of Governors President and the third to shepherd the huge undertaking at CCD. “I truly want to thank our Members who embraced this plan and Frank Roney (immediate past President), who led this project and brought it in on time and on budget.”

“It takes many workers and many people to create a village,” Roney adds. “This long-range plan has been supported by our Membership and three successive presidents. It has been our guiding light for three years.”

Looking out from the terrace outside the CCD Board Room, one sees an Old English Tudor village of five buildings, complete with cedar gables, lead-mutton glass and patinated copper gutters and downspouts. The Bard himself would feel at home. “The buildings look like they have been here forever,” FitzSimons says.

Drawn by local designer Rob Wood of Robert Wood & Associates, the buildings were carefully designed to a “human scale,” Roney says, to match the foresight of property’s original mastermind, Albert Kahn, in 1923.

Grissim Metz Andriese Associates were the project’s landscape and site architects. Frank Rewold and Son was the general contractor. “Rob Wood and Paul Andriese came up with the ‘village’ concept,” Roney says.

Surrounded by 140 new trees and hundreds of new evergreen shrubs and arborvitae and a tasteful wrought-iron-looking fence (because of the pools), the Summer Village is entered from the new west parking lot, itself featuring stylish lighting. A butterfly garden greets members and guests. Beyond that is one

Poolside Grille



Photo by John Minnis

of three age-appropriate “neighborhood” play areas, including table games, shuffleboard courts and, off to the left, a playscape for young children and a hoops court for the older kids.

The Poolside Grille is at the center of the Summer Village. All three “glass walls” open to the outside, depending on weather, and can be closed for year-round use. The long bar and inside and outdoor courtyard seating can accommodate up to 100. The full-service commercial kitchen can handle any crowd and adds to Executive Chef Brian Beland’s growing number of CCD kitchens to manage and staff. A snack bar window is also available, as well as a full-service bar and four big-screen TVs.

The Poolside Grille and new Racquets Building both feature vaulted ceilings and old, wooden beams salvaged from the old Lawrence D. Buhl Barn on Grosse Pointe Boulevard by local builder Ed Russell, one of the prime subcontractors for the project. “It’s the level of finish you would expect at a premier private club,” says Craig Cutler, general manager at CCD.

The Racquets Building — featuring its own full-service bar, sitting area, fireplace and TV — is another great place to hangout as well as play tennis on the full-size courts on one side and the elevated and heated paddle tennis courts on the other. There is even an outside fireplace for enjoying a cognac and cigar after a tough match ... or day in the office! The Racquets Building also has its own pro shop.

Across the tree-lined courtyard from the Poolside Grille are the Pool Bathhouse and Locker Rooms. It, too, features vaulted ceilings, but sensibly has faux bluestone floors and bead-board wainscoting and lots of lockers and tons of hooks. “We have over 200 swimmers here during meets,” Roney says, “and backpack hooks seem to be the thing.” The subway-tiled wet areas and showers also feature replicated green tiles featuring the signature CCD logo. Unlike bathhouses of olden days, these are air conditioned and heavily vented.

“To call this a locker room is an understatement,” FitzSimons says.

The facade of one pre-existing structure — the old summer day camp building — has been redone in Tudor style to match the “new” buildings as well as the majestic clubhouse “up on the hill.”

The pool deck has been tripled in size, and huge, permanent poolside umbrellas have been added for shade. A zero-entry ramp was added to accommodate those who have difficulty with steps and ladders. The zero-entry “toddler pool” with jets and water cannons and a splash pad rivals any found at a top family resort.

“Our goal was to create a summer resort experience for our members,” Roney says, “to raise the bar.” To say they succeeded would be an understatement, and the work is not done at the Club. In September, the final phase of the three-year facilities project will include demolition of the present bowling lanes and excavation of the old indoor pool underneath, making room for a brand new, lower-level bowling center, similar to other clubs in the area, offering many new member amenities.

When the existing bowling lanes are removed, the classic barrel-shaped ceiling and windows of the original natatorium will be exposed for the first time since 1937. In the space, a two-story health and fitness facility will be built featuring the latest exercise equipment and group workout rooms for spinning, yoga and similar classes. The completion of the new fitness and bowling centers in October 2016 will conclude the club’s \$10 million facilities renovation and expansion plan that included converting the former “Men’s Grille” into casual family dining, gutting and modernizing the Ladies Powder Room and Locker Room, and completing some final touches, such as restoring the Frederick Dana Marsh wall mural that tells the Club’s history. Oh,

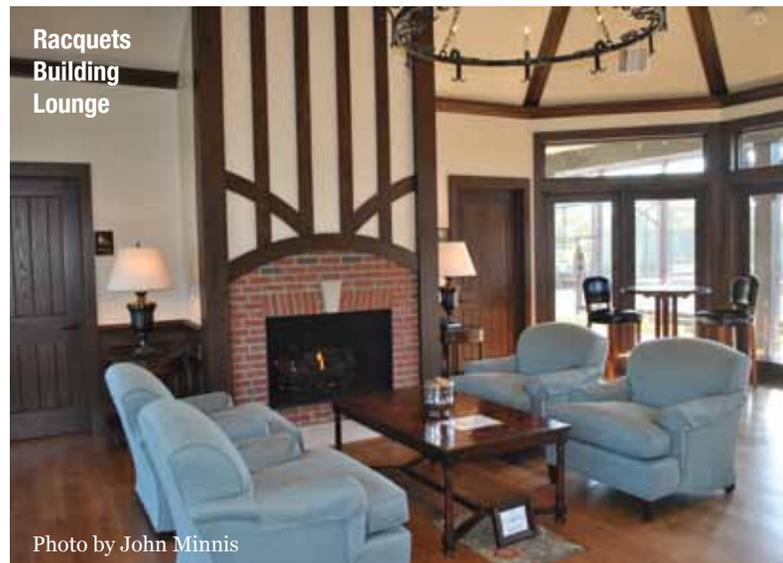


President David FitzSimons Jr. and immediate past President Frank Roney cut the ribbon for the official opening of the Summer Village
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Children's Pool

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Racquets Building Lounge

Photo by John Minnis

and along the way, a short game practice area was added that tripled in size with an additional target green and two new bunkers.

“What other premier club in Michigan is investing \$10 million in its facilities?” Roney asks. The investment is paying off. Some 130 new members have joined the CCD family since renovation began, many of them young families, the club’s target membership — and its future.

“We are a part of the community,” Roney says of the Country Club of Detroit. “We hope we add to what makes Grosse Pointe a fabulous place to raise families.”



The 1962 launching of Flying Buffalo

Flying Buffalo returns home for the Mackinac

By Ted Everingham

A 53-year-old, 36-foot sailboat — built in a Grosse Pointe Park garage! — will answer the starting gun for the 2015 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race on July 18. It's a long story, one destined to take

its place in the long, rich and growing history of Bayview's freshwater classic sailboat race first sailed in 1925.

The boat is Flying Buffalo. Her saga started in the late 1950s or very early 1960s when Maurice "Maury" Declercq, an experienced sailor and a talented engineer, was determined to design and build a faster sailboat than the best then being raced on Lake St. Clair. Declercq built a series of scale model sailboats that he tested in Conner Creek, which still flows past Bayview Yacht Club into the Detroit River across from the tip of Belle Isle.

With his design at last perfected, Declercq set out to build Flying Buffalo in a garage at Lakepointe and Charlevoix. He toiled on weekends and after work nearly every evening, sometimes until very early the next morning, for three years (1960-1962). Partway through the project, he was joined by Karl Ness, another Bayview member and Park resident, who became

his partner in Flying Buffalo.

Declercq's twin sons, Al and Bob, remember riding their bikes from their home to the garage on Lakepointe with a thermos of coffee and sandwiches to sustain their dad during those long evenings.

Completed in late 1962, Flying Buffalo first raced in the Little Club's regatta in 1963. During her seven seasons at Bayview (1963-1969), Flying Buffalo was nearly unbeatable on Lake St. Clair, and during one four-year period, she won three Bayview Mackinac races and three Chicago Mackinac races. She captured overall honors in the Mills Race in Lake Erie from 1966 to 1968.

Flying Buffalo was sold after the end of the 1969 season. She "lived" at the Detroit Yacht Club for awhile, then was owned by the Sea Scouts, later was beached by a hurricane in Florida and finally found her way to Long Island, New York.

Fast-forward to 2014: Al and Bob





Maury Declercq

Right, Chuck Stodgell presents Flying Buffalo owners Maury Declercq and Karl Ness the 1964 Boat of the Year Award



Declercq bought Flying Buffalo and brought her back to her first home. After months of work, she was launched in Conner Creek where Maury tested his models so long ago. In Bristol condition, her topsides gleaming white, Flying Buffalo again is ready for the challenges of the Chicago and Bayview Mackinac races. Her crew will be comprised of Al Declercq and his son, Matthew, Bob Declercq and his son, Robert, the Declercq's lifelong friend Fred Detwiler and his son, Ward. The seventh crewmember will be Peter Griffin whose father-in-law, Mike Tapert, sailed as the navigator on Flying Buffalo in the 1960s.

It is a fitting chapter in the 100-year history of the Bayview Yacht Club and the annals of the race that has become the centerpiece of her culture. 



2015 Mackinac Race

The 2015 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race starts on Saturday, July 18, in lower Lake Huron, about five miles north of the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron. It is the 91st consecutive sailing of Bayview Yacht Club's classic race.

There are more than 260 boats registered, the most since 2000. The first start for the 19 classes is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. with a start every ten minutes until the entire fleet is headed north to the Island.

The boats will sail either the Shore Course that covers 204 nautical miles (235 statute miles) along the Michigan shoreline or the 259-nautical-mile (298 statute miles) Cove Island Course that take sailors around a buoy off the tip of the Bruce Peninsula in Canada before heading west to the finish line at Mackinac Island.

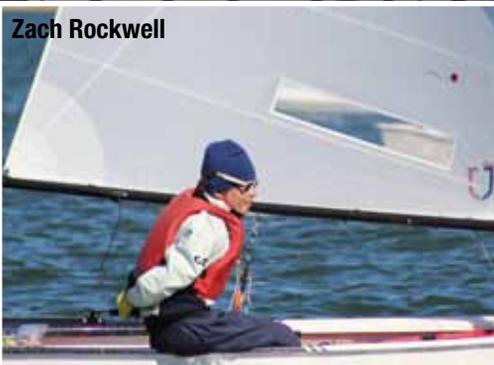
The first boats could reach the Island as early as Sunday afternoon, but the bulk of the fleet usually finishes during the daylight hours on Monday.

Fans will be able to follow from start to finish with free online GPS tracking at www.bycmack.com.

Blake Stackpoole
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Zach Rockwell



Michael Kirkman



Charlie Ramsdell, Zach Rockwell, Michael Kirkman and Blake Stackpoole

LOCAL 'OPTI' SAILORS COMPETE IN MIAMI

By Ted Everingham

There are over 150,000 officially registered Optimist dinghies worldwide. The small (about 8 feet), one-person sailboat is sailed in over 120 countries, making it one of the most popular in the world.

Nearly 20,000 "Optis" are registered in the United States. Each year the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA) selects a premier sailing venue to host the best 200 Optimist sailors in the United States to compete in the US Team Trials, clearly the most competitive Opti regatta in the United States. Among those elite 200 this year were four young sailors from the Detroit metropolitan area.

Michael Kirkman, 12, Charlie Ramsdell, 14, Zach Rockwell, 13, and Blake Stackpoole, 15, qualified for the 2015 US Team Trials held April 30 to May 3 at Coral Reef Yacht Club in Miami. All four are members of the Detroit Advanced Racing Team (DART), a mentoring and training program designed for select Opti sailors (ages 8 to 15) from the area who demonstrate elite level racing skills and potential.

A spokesperson for DART says, "[This] may be the most kids ever going from this region" to the US Team Trials.

She credited DART and its support from the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation (GPYNEF) for that success.

After his finish in the US Team Trials, Blake Stackpoole, of Grosse Pointe Park, was invited by the USODA to participate in a four-day US National Team Practice in Annapolis in mid-June and then to represent the United States at the prestigious 2015 Topsport Vlaanderen Regatta in Nieuwpoort, Flanders, Belgium, on July 3 to 8, about the time this magazine reaches your home.

"Miami was great!" Stackpoole says. "There were very challenging conditions with lots of wind and waves. [Our DART team] all learned a lot.

"DART has helped me, because of [the opportunity to sail with] other kids in the area and having coaches like Coach Connor Corgard. Connor has helped me not only in Optis but also in 420s that I sail for the Grosse Pointe South varsity team.

"I'd like to thank DART and GPYNEF for helping me achieve my life-long goal of representing Team USA in an international regatta."

Watch for great things from the DART sailors as they continue to learn by competing with the best. ☺

Lake St. Clair rocks!

By Ted Everingham

Close to Home. Far from Ordinary. That's how Lake St. Clair Tourism Initiative describes the lake on which we live.

With 400 square miles of surface and some 160 miles of shoreline, Lake St. Clair offers a broad spectrum of fascinating things to see and places to go — from the elegance of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and the historic Alger House at the War Memorial to the watery maze of swaying grasses of St. John's Marsh to the Victorian charm of historic Chatham, Ontario.

For a trove of things to see, do and enjoy in, on and around Lake St. Clair, click on www.TourLakeStClair.org.

One such event is AquaPalooza on



July 25-26, two days of free concerts on the beachfront at Belle Maer Marina on Anchor Bay, north of the mouth of the Clinton River. And here's the far-from-ordinary part: Spectators can only watch the shows from the water! Come by boat, canoe, kayak, whatever floats, but come by water and enjoy the music and fun from 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. both days.

All outdoor enthusiasts should mark their calendars for the 6th annual Boating & Outdoor Festival at Lake St. Clair Metropark in Harrison Township on Sept. 17-20. Watch for a preview on "Great Lakes Log" and check it out on www.boatingandoutdoorfest.com.

Ted Everingham's "Great Lakes Log" can be seen on alternate weeks 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. For times, click on the WMTV page of www.warmemorial.org or check the WMTV listings in the Grosse Pointe News.

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Left, Lady Cathy and past Commodore Tim McGuire, Lady Lynne and Commodore Greg Doyal at the Lake Shore Sail Club Commodore's Ball where McGuire passed his position on to Doyal. Below, Lady and Commodore Doyal

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POINTE SAILOR TAKES THE HELM AT LAKE SHORE SAIL CLUB

By Matt Wentworth

On a warm, summer-like day, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Greg Doyal sets sail on Lake St. Clair. You can find him out there three days a week, sometimes, more.

"I like being outdoors. I like the competitive nature of racing, and the relaxed nature of cruising," says Doyal, commodore of the Lake Shore Sail Club in St. Clair Shores.

"I started sailing when I was 13 years old, which was 40 years ago," he says. It's easy to see the sport has become a passion for him.

Seven years ago, Doyal joined the Lake Shore Sail Club. Located in one of the great sailing locations in the world, the club has a philosophy unchanged in its 46 years of existence. Its goal is to be a sailing club for everyone. "It's really like a family," he says. "It's a really friendly group of people with a common interest. A very relaxed environment. Very casual."

When Doyal says it's for everyone, he even means it's for people who don't know the first thing about sailing, but

would like to. "We like to encourage people who are new to the sport. We love teaching people."

The club has 100 members. It holds events all year round, not just when boats are in the water.

Lake St. Clair has everything a sailor would want, says Doyal. One nice advantage, he says, is the freshwater. "Saltwater is hard on boats," he says.

If you're going to get a face full of water, you're not going to want the salt variety in your eyes and mouth. "You get splashed a lot," he says. "The freshwater is more enjoyable."

Large enough to have decent waves and strong winds, like a large body of water, Lake St. Clair's location in the metropolitan area is another draw. "There are plenty of destinations in close proximity," he says. "We have the best of both worlds."

The sailors are very competitive. The club hosts popular Wednesday Spring and Summer Sunset Series races. These

attract some of the most avid racers in the area. The races aren't limited to the middle of the week. "There's a race going on every day."

A typical day in the water for most members is a three-hour sail, at sunset.

"You can sail to a restaurant, if you want," he says. There are plenty of places along the waterfront to pull up by boat, and have dinner with the backdrop of the greatest freshwater system in the world, the Great Lakes.

People interested in becoming members are encouraged to visit the club's website, lakeshoresailclub.org.

"It's a great group of people who like to get together, both on and off the water," Doyal says. "We welcome everyone." ☺

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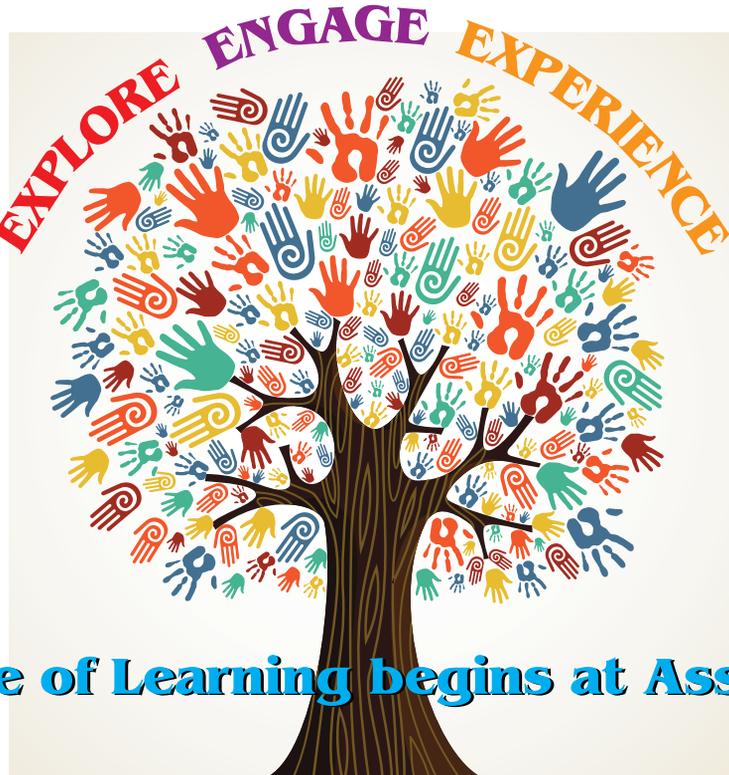


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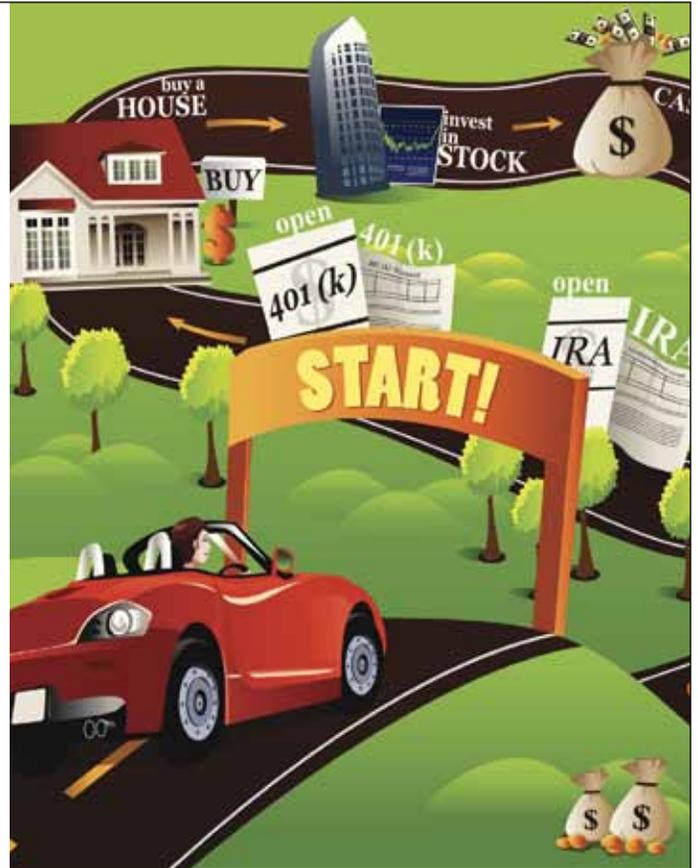
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Sue Stonisch, the “Smile Artist” at Faircourt Dental. “The letters stand for ‘computerized tomography,’ which retrieves a three-dimensional image that can be cut like a loaf of bread and viewed from every single angle. These images have been used for years in medicine; however, with higher resolution and lower radiation technology, we are now bridging the gap in dentistry.”

Indeed, the traditional x-ray is 20th century technology. CT scanning is 21st century. Traditional dental x-rays are one-dimensional, while CT scans are 3-D and can be rotated and viewed on the computer screen.

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Located in the heart of The Village, City Kitchen prides itself on being a unique neighborhood eatery that serves quality fare in an upscale, yet relaxed and casual setting, as well as carry-out and on- and off-site catering. The restaurant offers fresh seafood from Foley Fish Co., Boston's famous fish house, as well as Great Lakes perch, pickerel and Lake Superior whitefish delivered daily. From the grill, try "Certified Angus Beef" New York strip or tenderloin steaks and some of the best burgers in town. Also enjoy seasonal salads, desserts, appetizers and wood-fired pizza. Join us at our NEW BAR for Happy Hour Monday–Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and enjoy your favorite cocktail, beer or wine of your choice at our special Happy Hour pricing.

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Hours: Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:30am-3:30pm
Dinner: Mon-Thurs 4:30-9:30pm, Fri 4:30-10pm, Sat 5-10pm, Sun 4-9pm

Web: www.city-kitchen.com



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Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe

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

Winner of *Hour Detroit Magazine* awards for 2010 Restaurant of the Year and Best Chef 2010 & 2011, the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe features top guest musicians and award-winning food. Two-time "Best Chef" winner André Neimanis offers an American bistro menu in a well-appointed, 65-seat dining room with white-linen round tables surrounded by red-fabric walls with dark wood, wainscoting, Tudor carriage lights and dog-themed paintings and sculptures. Favorites include Fork and Knife Burger with Foie Gras, Shrimp Linguine, Smoked Tomato Soup with Brie Toast and Creekstone Farms Filet Mignon to name a few! Live Jazz Tuesday through Saturday offers patrons a unique and memorable experience (reservations are strongly recommended). Private dining is available for up to 25 people in The Boardroom, which also features full meeting and conference capabilities.  

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

Web: www.dirtydogjazz.com



Harry's of Grosse Pointe

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Web: www.highergroundsmministries.com



Irish Coffee Bar and Grill

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

Irish Coffee Bar and Grill has been a staple on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms for **35 YEARS**, notable for their fantastic bar burgers (1/3 lb ground rounds) and numerous coffee cocktails. Three high-definition TVs make this neighborhood bar a great place to watch the game. Swing by after the game or any entertainment event in the area, bring your ticket stub and your burger is only \$2.96 with purchase of a beverage! The daily lunch special is the best in town: dine-in between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and for \$6.95 have a ground round, fries and your choice of beverage (domestic draft beer or pop). This is also good for a fish sandwich or a grilled chicken sandwich. This family-owned restaurant is a great spot for young and old, and there is something on the menu for everyone. The homemade onion rings are a local favorite, and the fresh, hand-battered yellow-belly perch and pickerel are particularly popular among seafood lovers. Numerous corned-beef sandwiches top off the menu with a true, Irish flare. The grill is open until 1 a.m., seven days a week! Hope to see you there! 

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Little Tony's - Lounge in the Woods

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

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

Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm

Web: www.littletonysgp.com



Luxe Bar & Grill

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

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



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

Web: www.luxebarandgrill.com



Mack Avenue Grille

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

As the Mack Avenue Grille enters its fourth year under the ownership of veteran restaurateurs Louie and Dino Ropotos, they would like to kick things up a notch to the compliment the fine wines and premium beers they began offering last year. The brothers are adding some new fine dining dishes to their menu, including pan-seared and broiled Alaskan Cod, broiled Salmon, Classic Lamb Chops, Chicken Piccata and Chicken Marsala and more to their standard fare, including 31 gourmet salads and breakfast favorites, such as the ever-popular Very Berry Crème Brûlée French Toast. And true to their heritage, the Ropotos Brothers are announcing Saturday evening **GREEK NIGHT**, featuring all classic and favorite dishes. Of course, they are not forgetting what made Mack Avenue Grille more than a diner. They will continue to offer three homemade soups du jour or freshly homemade chili daily, burgers and all manner of diner sandwiches, fresh-squeezed orange juice and three-egg, whipped omelets of all combinations. All ingredients are fresh — no frozen fish here!



We now serve beer and wine to enhance your dining experience! Spirits coming soon!

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



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24600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores • (586) 872-2630

The 2015 season has arrived!!!! We are back for our 5th season, bigger and better than ever! Our fun and cozy atmosphere makes Mike's a fabulous place to unwind. With '70s era music, great food and drink prices and a very friendly staff, Mike's is a great place for people of all ages. We are family oriented and have a great kids menu. Our menu has everything from burgers and sandwiches to fried fish and daily fresh-catch specials and great salads. Try our "Lobster Roll" — over 5,000 sold! Food prices range from \$4.25-\$13.95.

Mike's Nautical Hour (happy hour) featuring special prices on favorite libations runs from 3-6 p.m. every day.

Live entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Watch your favorite sports teams at our fun bar. Mike's boasts ample parking, 26 boat wells with docking for up to a 48-foot vessel and a floating dock for personal watercraft. **Come see what we've changed over the winter and check out our new menu items and our new "Snoop's Scoops" ice cream truck!** Book your parties here!

Your host, Mike LeFevre

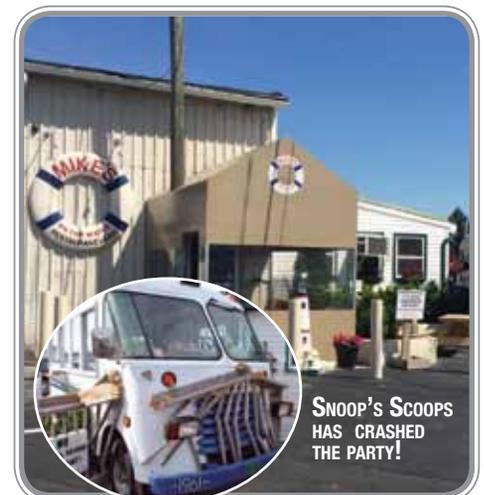


Bar Hours: Mon-Sat 11:30 am-close; Sun noon-close

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

Sun noon-9 pm

Web: www.mikesonthewater.com



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Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries

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

It's Grosse Pointe Farms' favorite "go-to" spot! Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries boasts everything from torts, cakes and pies from its full-service bakery to delicious soups made fresh each day. A standout for the coffee shop is its liquor license — guests may enjoy specialty coffee drinks, such as Spanish and Irish coffee, wines by the glass and even a "spiked" lemonade and smoothies! Stop in early for that first fresh-brewed "cuppa" with a homemade pastry and come back for a house-made soup for lunch.  

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



Pepperoni Grille

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

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

Hours: Mon 4-10pm; Tues-Thurs 11am-10pm; Fri 11am-11pm;
Sat noon-11pm; Sun 3-9pm
Web: www.pepperonigrillescs.com



Red Crown

15301 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park • (313) 822-3700

Red Crown: an American comfort food (with a twist) restaurant, specializing in a nostalgic element of cooking that equates to yummy goodness. Red Crown's beverage program is all about the art of crafting. Craft cocktails, craft beers, craft wines. Our bartenders are artisans too, handcrafting cocktails, using the freshest and highest quality ingredients. Our beers are artisanal brews from the great state of Michigan, while our all-American wine program focuses on smaller production boutique wineries. In addition to our bottle programs, we offer artisanal beer and wine on tap, keeping our glass pours fresh to the very last drop. At Red Crown, we put the spotlight on service and hospitality. Our goal is to for you, our guest, to feel welcome and well taken care of — kind of like being asked over to a friend's house for dinner. We really want all aspects of your visit to Red Crown to be remembered as something comfortable and filled with yummy goodness. Whether you are looking for something a bit nostalgic or hoping to find something unique and new, we invite you to join us for an afternoon or evening at Red Crown! **Join us for brunch Sunday morning or dinner Sunday night!**   

Hours: Mon-Thur: Lunch 11:30am-4pm; Dinner 4-10pm
Fri-Sat: Lunch 11:30am-4pm; Dinner 4pm-11pm
Sun: Brunch 10am-4pm; Dinner 4-9pm

Web: www.redcrownpg.com



Salvatore Scallopini

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

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



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



Shores Inn

23410 Greater Mack St. Clair Shores MI 48080 • (586) 773-8940

Established in 1937 and under the same ownership since 1969, the Shores Inn has been a local favorite for generations. Featuring 150 craft beer selections, an enclosed heated patio (with fire pit) and Happy Hour 7 days a week (buy one appetizer, get one free of equal or lesser value with two beverage purchase), the Shores Inn is a popular gathering spot for all ages. Delicious, homemade pizza has just been added to the extensive menu and daily specials keep hungry guests coming back:

- Monday** - Burger Bash (burger and fries) \$4.99
- Tuesday** - Fajita Frenzy \$10.99
- Wednesday** - All you can eat Perch \$12.99
- Thursday** - Rib Rave (1/2 slab with fries) \$9.99
- Sunday** - Prime Rib \$13.99

Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-2am; Sun Noon-2am
Web: www.shoresinn.com



Sierra Station La Cantina

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

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



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



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Telly's Place — Est. 1982

20791 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 881-3985

As a staple of the Grosse Pointe Woods neighborhood since 1982, Telly's isn't your normal bar and grill. Walk in off Mack and you'll instantly notice that with over 30 years of history, a sense of warmth, friendliness and contemporary atmosphere abounds. Look around and you'll see a couple on a romantic date, sharing an order of our signature spinach dip and chips, a group of friends celebrating a birthday with our specialty martinis, or people sitting at the bar, watching the game on our flat-screen TVs. Everyone is welcome at Telly's. Everyone is family at Telly's. Owners and native Grosse Pointers Ty and Jimmy are committed to bringing you the atmosphere, quality and service that has made Telly's an institution.



Telly's Specials:

- Monday - \$4 Margaritas
- Tuesday - Bar Bingo 9 p.m.-Midnight
WIN drinks & gif cards
- Wednesday - \$5 Specialty Martinis
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Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-Close; Sun 3pm-Close

Web: tellysplace.com



The Hill Seafood and Chop House

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

Approaching its 15th year, The Hill is the premier dining destination on the East Side. Recently renovated, The Hill continues to deliver an exceptional dining experience. Menus are seasonally updated. Don't worry, the Hill of Perch is still there! Popular menu items include Allen Brothers® USDA Prime New York Strip Steaks and Burgers, wild caught seafood, and Zingerman's Desserts. Whether you're planning a special celebration or just looking for a great burger and fries, The Hill will exceed your expectations. The vibrant bar scene offers Happy Hour Monday-Thursday, 5-7 p.m., featuring 1/2 Off Domestic Beer and Wine, \$5 "Hill Martinis" and \$7 Appetizers. **Online reservations powered by OpenTable now offered at www.thehillgrossepointe.com!**



NOW'S THE PERFECT TIME TO ENJOY OUR PATIO IN FULL BLOOM!

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

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

Web: www.thehillgrossepointe.com



The Rattlesnake Club

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

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



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

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Meet Francine



Name Francine Pegues

Age 68

City Grosse Pointe Park

Occupation Retired Director of Sales, Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan; current concessionaire of the Belle Isle Golf Range

Francine's Favorites

Season
Summer

Book
All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

Movie
Shrek

Musical Artist
Aretha Franklin

Food
Whole boiled lobster

Vacation
Cruising the Mediterranean with my family and friends

Activity
Volunteering with non-profits that serve women and children

About Francine

Francine, a transplant from Washington, D.C. who worked for President Jimmy Carter, now lives in Grosse Pointe Park and is mom to Diamond Lacey.

“In 1978 I came to help Mayor Young with the 1980 Census and fell in love with Detroit’s grit, camaraderie and the opportunities Detroit afforded me. Only in Detroit could I bid on and win a three year contract to run a golf driving range on Belle Isle. I am passionate about bringing golf to children. The Belle Isle Golf Range gives me the opportunity to run the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program for girls and boys ages seven to 17.”

Mention this feature at the Belle Isle Golf Range and receive free access for up to four people on the six-hole mini course! Visit belleislegolfrange.com or call (313) 926-6008.

What was your first job?

Stock clerk at a discount store

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

A three month trip in 1972 to Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. It was during a time when Americans were welcomed.

Do you collect anything?

I collect Lladro porcelain figurines.

What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

The day in 1970, I met the late Patti Knox who was running Howard Metzenbaum’s U.S. Senate campaign in Ohio. My contact with her resulted in my relocation to Detroit in 1979 from Washington, D.C. and the rest is history, as they say.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Along with my mother who is now 92 years old, raising six successful nieces and nephews

What do you miss most about your childhood?

Ice skating on a lake in Youngstown, Ohio

Words to live by?

Be careful of what you want, you may get it.

Eating alone

By Ronda Maniaci

One area that can be surprisingly dangerous for seniors is eating alone, and the dangers might not be what you think.

When people worry about seniors eating alone they worry about their loved one choking and having no one to help them. While choking hazards increase with age, there are other dangers subtler, and more common.

Malnutrition

Malnutrition doesn't mean starving to death. It means the body has a deficiency of one or more nutrients. Seniors often make the same meals every day because of the comfort of routine and the ease of making the particular meal. But, this type of eating leads to malnutrition and can cause loss of cognitive functions and



susceptibility to illness and infection.

Dehydration

As we age our body and brain don't send signals they did when we were younger. Seniors may not feel thirsty and consequently may not drink enough water which can lead to constipation, headaches and mental confusion. Many of the medicines seniors regularly take deplete the body's hydration level. This can lead to potentially deadly urinary infections, dangerous drops in blood pressure; and possibly cause a catastrophic fall.

The best way to help seniors is to have a designated companion that can prepare meals for them and eat together. This simple service can prevent malnutrition, dehydration and ease the fear of being alone.

For more information on senior related matters or home care assistance, call Ronda Maniaci @ (313) 881-3390 or Ronda.comfortcare@sbcglobal.net. Ronda is a Certified Senior Advisor, Owner of Comfort Care and Medical Alert provider.

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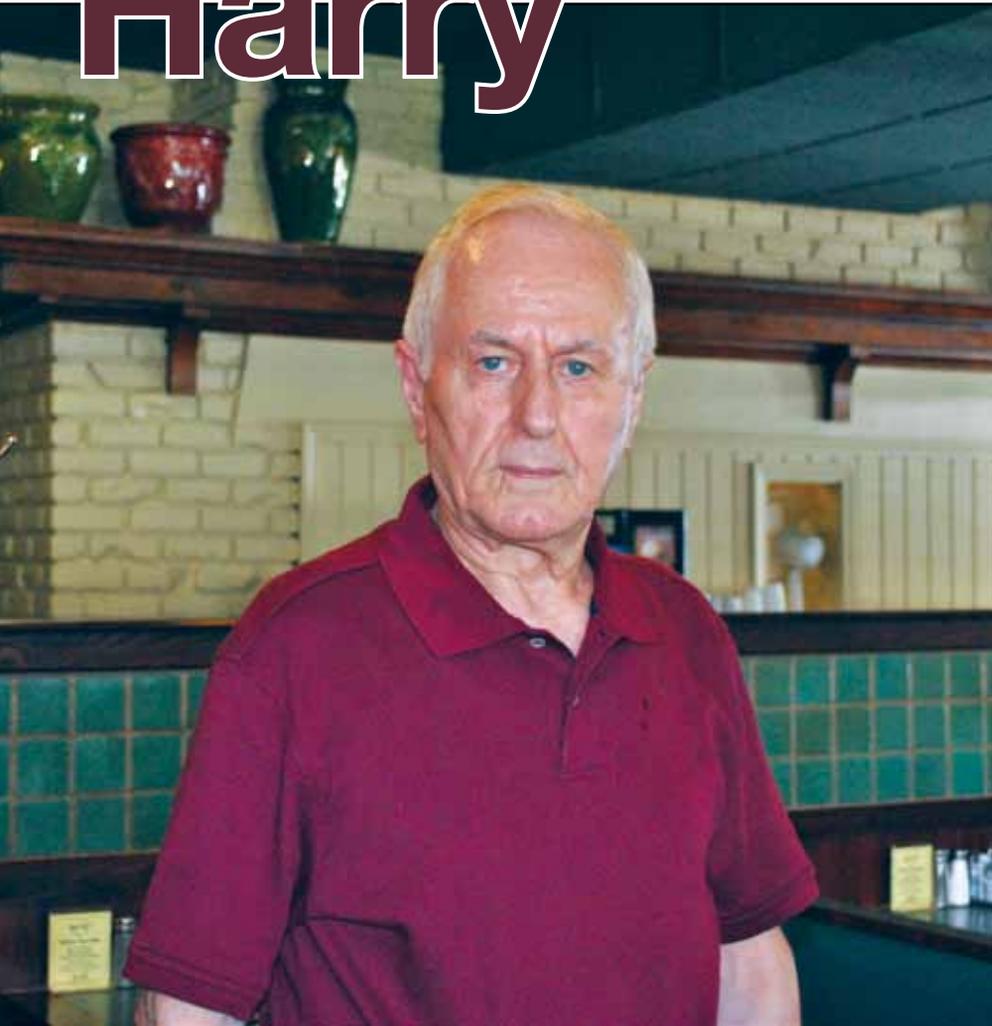
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Meet Harry



Name	Harry Sulolli
Age	75
City	Grosse Pointe Shores
Occupation	Restaurant owner

Harry's of Grosse Pointe

"I first opened my restaurant on Aug. 1, 1985 with continued success. We have an extensive menu with items to satisfy everyone's taste.

I am proud of the quality food we have been serving for the past 30 years. Everything is homemade and made fresh daily.

I am also proud of the fact that we have become a staple for many families throughout the Grosse Pointes. We are open seven days a week, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m."

Harry's of Grosse Pointe is located at 15506 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Park.

What was your first job?

Farmer in Albania

Why did you want to become a restaurant owner?

I like bringing people together to enjoy good food.

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

I wouldn't change a thing. I love what I do.

What is the best advice you've received?

Be kind and honest.

What is your next goal?

Enjoy retirement

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

I was voted 'most likely to succeed' in high school!

What is your most often used phrase?

"Honest to God"

Words to live by?

Hard work pays off.

About Harry

"I have been married to my wife Sandy for 45 years and I have two children, Tim Sulolli, a personal injury attorney, and Lori Sulolli, a hair stylist.

I currently reside in Grosse Pointe Shores and enjoy spending any free time I can find gardening during the summer months and hunting during the winter."

St. John Guild Kick-Off Party March 11 @ Ray Laethem Chrysler Photos by Christine M.J. Hathaway



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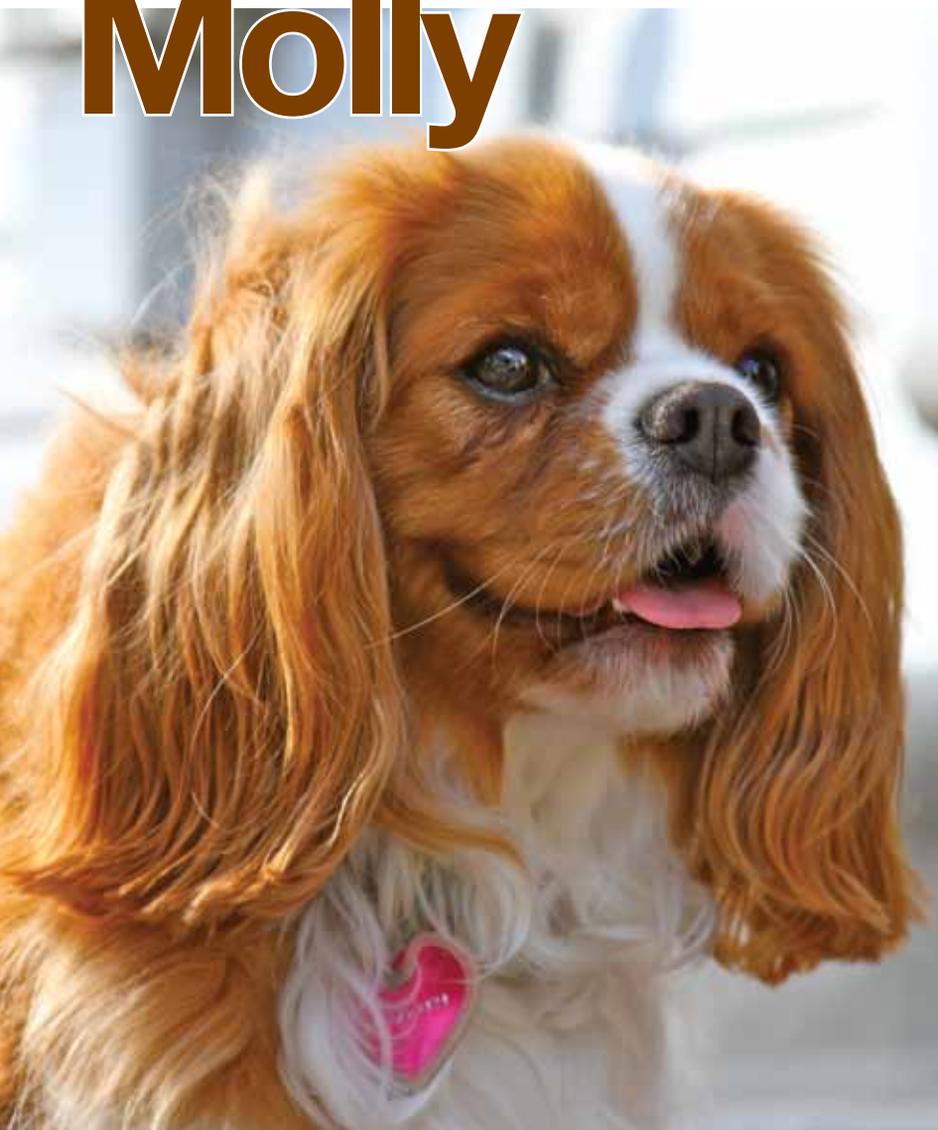
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Meet Molly



Name	Molly Vandekerckhove
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Parents	Ginny & Ray Vandekerckhove

Molly's Favorites

Treat

Cheese slices, or in any shape I can get it

Place to nap

Next to Mom and/or Dad on the couch

Toy

Squeaky ball

Activity

Napping and melting hearts wherever I go

About Molly

Molly is a two-year-old Cavalier King Charles owned by Ginny and Ray and it's a genuine love affair. Ray was admittedly a tough sell on getting a dog for decades but finally caved in. He's sure glad he did as Molly has become the center of his universe. Make no mistake about it however, Molly is closest to Mom. Ginny spoils her rotten and they absolutely adore each other.

Molly certainly lives up to the virtues of her spaniel breed. She's very mild mannered, wonderfully loyal and simply loves to be loved. There's not a nicer dog on earth.

Are you a couch potato, watch dog or lover?

As a watch dog, I mostly watch the inside of my eyelids. I am, however, a lover in any location you'd like, but on the couch is fine. Did you mention potatoes? Are they covered in cheese?

What is the most mischievous thing you've done?

Can you please use 'mischievous' in a sentence? I'm not familiar with the word. I'm only familiar with the term 'perfect angel.'

How do you show your family you love them?

I am always up for cuddling and watching television with Mom and Dad. I also go to bed on time and sleep through the entire night without any fuss.

What is your biggest pet peeve?

My biggest hang-up around here is the cat, Arnold, who I'm forced to share space with. He's rather grumpy when I come around, plus he tries to eat my food when I'm not looking. Outside of that, I'd say things are pretty good. Although more treats would never be a bad thing. Yeah! I'm peeved about that!



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GROSSE POINTE ANIMAL ADOPTION SOCIETY

By Lauren McGregor

On the eve of its 20th anniversary, Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society (GPAAS) celebrates and takes stock of its tremendous growth.

Corinne Martin founded GPAAS in 1996. Originally an animal adoption center, the organization used only foster homes to care for 200 to 250 animals per year. Soon after it opened its shelter in 2012, that number soared to nearly 600.

“We have doubled in every way,” Martin says. “Staff, revenue.” Public donations are essentially the only support GPAAS receives. “We have gotten some small grants, but they are basically reimbursement grants, for procedures such as neutering.”

Neutering, spaying, physical and behavioral therapy, GPAAS does it all.

“I’ve always been passionate about animals,” says Martin, who grew up in Grosse Pointe and resides in Grosse Pointe Farms today. “I could see Grosse Pointe having the need for a shelter.” Too right she was. It’s hard to believe Martin could have anticipated the vital role GPAAS would play in the community.

Today, the shelter is responsible for any animals brought in by police in Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Shores and Harper Woods. (Grosse Pointe Animal Clinic in Grosse Pointe



Park is responsible for those in Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe City and Grosse Pointe Farms.)

“We can’t turn any animal away when the city brings them in,” she says. Just last week, police brought in seven dogs. Today they house and foster about 60 pets at any one time.

Martin herself has four dogs. “We adopted all the unadoptables,” she says. “We’ve always had four at a time, ones with health issues.” Husband Paul is also a lifelong Grosse Pointe resident. The two are high school sweethearts.

GPAAS is located at 20048 Harper Ave., next to Harper Woods Veterinary

Hospital. As a state licensed animal shelter, GPAAS is required to have a veterinarian on site or within immediate reach. Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital provides the care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. “There are emergencies all the time,” she says of Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital’s invaluable service.

GPAAS also hosts adoption days at Camp BowWow Training Center at 23720 Greater Mack Ave. in St. Clair Shores. Upcoming adoption days are July 11 and 25 and August 8, 22 and 29, noon to 3 p.m.

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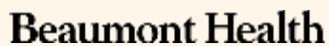
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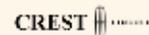
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Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital: it's all in the staff

By Lauren McGregor

If there is any veterinary hospital to be lauded for its sincere dedication to both staff and patient, it's Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital. Opened in 1954, HWVH is committed to the ongoing education of its staff, specialized care of its patients and ability to grow with the latest veterinary advancements.

The hospital boasts about 30 employees, including five (and soon to be six) doctors. Among them is Dr. Nancy Pillsbury of Grosse Pointe City.

"We are extremely well staffed," remarks Dr. Pillsbury. "Every single person who works here shares one main concern: the care of the animal."

Dr. David Balaj echoes the sentiment. "I've always loved animals and I've

always known that's what I wanted to be." After graduating from Michigan State University in 1987, Dr. Balaj came to work for HWVH, making this his 28th year with the hospital.

"Most of our staff has been here a very long time," says Practice Manager Ellen Weeks, herself included. This September she celebrates 31 years at the hospital.

"We're able to do a lot more than when we started," Dr. Balaj says.

"Because I've seen a growth in the number of people who treat their pets as their own children, we've had the ability to offer more procedures."

These procedures include advanced surgeries such as ACL surgery, laser surgery, digital radiology, therapeutic lasers, chemotherapy and preventative care.

"We are able to have all the diagnostic equipment a veterinary could have," says Dr. Balaj. Among this equipment is an ultrasound machine that allows a specialist to remote in while it is operating. He notes, "This means we have on-call access to a board certified radiologist."

"And if we can't do what's necessary here, we will find the right person to do it," Dr. Balaj adds. This strategy of patient first has proved

successful over the decades. Patients' loyalty reaches from as far as Petoskey to Ohio to Canada and even across the pond to England.

"We've maintained stability by keeping patients up to date with constant education," he says, remarking on the current K9 flu scare and the information he shares on it with pet owners.

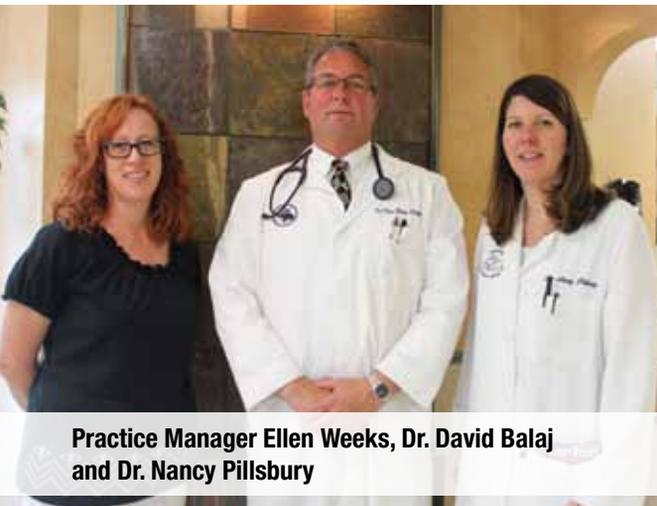
Dr. Balaj stresses the importance of a familial relationship among staff and patients. "Our employees are here for the long term, as are pet owners." Proof is in the patient families. He regularly sees several generations from one family.

"You need to be here when they need you," Balaj says. "They need you when they're sick."

For this constant care, HWVH is attached to Animal Urgent & Critical Care Center, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays.

"We're proud that we have people here constantly," says Weeks. "The kennels are watched 24 hours a day." That's an uncommon practice, even among animal boarding facilities.

"Customer service and satisfaction is essential," says Dr. Balaj, adding, "I want to offer a heartfelt thank you to the community for 61 years of support. Without their support, we wouldn't be here today." ♡



Practice Manager Ellen Weeks, Dr. David Balaj and Dr. Nancy Pillsbury

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Scooby Doo

One-year-old Chiweenie Scooby Doo lives in the Farms with the Engel family. He loves laying in the sun and playing fetch with Riley and Betty. He brings so much joy to his family.



Maris Morningstar

Maris Morningstar is a nine-year-old rescue collie. She is one happy healthy girl that brings a smile to her owners' faces, the Lanes of Grosse Pointe Farms, each and everyday.



Eddie

Eddie ("the best dog ever!") is a terrier mix with Berger Picard bloodlines. A year and a half old, he's full of energy and has the cutest high pitched bark. Rescued from the Michigan Humane Society last year, Eddie has been a wonderful addition to the Boehmer family.



Loki

Loki is a two and a half year old rescued American Fox Hound who loves snuggling, playing with chew toys and running with owner Suzi Ramadan. He is very social, but not a big fan of the mail man.



Augie & Macduff

Scottish Terriers, Augie and Macduff, were rescued eight years ago and although they are not brothers, they are inseparable. They take daily squirrel patrol walks in the Farms with Tom DeCorte.



Victor

Victor, a black Labrador Retriever who once trained for Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, lives with Rooney and the Baird family in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Keep pets safe in the heat

By Dr. Maria Rivera

As the warmer temperatures of the season arrive, so does the risk of heat stroke. Since dogs and cats cannot sweat, they release their body heat by panting. Heat stroke, which can cause permanent organ damage or death, occurs when pets are unable to cool off and their body temperature increases to over 103 degrees.



The body temperature can become dangerously elevated from over-exertion in warm or humid weather, or from being in too hot of an environment.

Signs of heat stroke may include a bright red tongue, weakness, excessive panting, thick saliva, vomiting and diarrhea or staggering. If your pet is showing signs, move him or her into the shade or cooler area, and cool the body by wrapping in cool wet towels.

It is very important to NOT try to cool your pet down quickly with very cold or ice water as this may cause serious complications. Even if symptoms subside and your pet is recovering, you should seek veterinary care immediately as additional treatments, such as IV fluids, may be necessary.

Remember to always provide your pets with plenty of water and shade, avoid over exerting them on hot days and never ever leave your pet unattended in a parked car. On a hot day, a car can become a furnace in no time, even with the windows open.

The bottom line is, if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for your pet as well.

Dr. Maria Rivera joined Animal Urgent & Critical Care Center in 2013. She is a 2011 graduate of Michigan State University.

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A Polite Puppy

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By Patti Theros

Sit. Stay. Come. Everyone wants a well-mannered dog, and especially when children or guests are present. But what happens when a dog consistently misbehaves? That's where Clinical Animal Behaviorist Jim Lessenberry of Animal Learning Systems can help — with nearly 30 years of expertise in Behavior Therapy and Off-Leash Training.

Recently he has also been offering small group classes at The Grosse Pointe Academy, helping families learn how to humanely and effectively teach their dogs to mind their manners. He explains, "They all have

their quirks and most we can live with, but there are other behaviors that impact the family, and potentially the community." That's when people seek Lessenberry's expertise on an individual basis.

"About 60 percent of the dogs I see individually are for aggressive behavior," he says. "Another one-third of them are for affective disorders such as panic attacks, depression or physical issues such as digestive problems.

"I take a very holistic approach and consult with the family, the veterinarian, etc., before developing the treatment."

Are there more dog behavioral issues today?

"I'm not certain of more problems, but our emotional attachment has increased," he says. "For example, when life was rural and farming was prevalent, dogs lived outside and had jobs associated with farming. Nowadays, dogs are included in almost anything, even sleeping

in our beds. Emotionally, modern families have made dogs real family members."

For this reason, his personalized Off-Leash Training Program and Family Training Class are more popular than ever.

"Our classes are limited to 10 families and include dogs of different breeds, sizes and ages. It's important that dogs be appropriately exposed to other dogs, men, women and children so that they learn to normalize differences and assure a well balanced family pet." 



Maverick, a six-year-old Rottweiler and popular Family Training Course teaching assistant, gets a well deserved hug after a day's work.



Paisley Vermet, a one-and-a-half-year-old Goldendoodle gets some individual attention from Family Training Class instructor Jim Lessenberry; center, Fitz a one-year-old Yorkshire Terrier; right, Dewey Petschauer, a seven-month-old Chocolate Havanese



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Isla, a seven-month-old Australian Shepherd, and Apollo, a six-month-old black Labrador mix, taking a break by the fountain at Grosse Pointe Farms Dog Park

BARK PARKS IN THE POINTES

By Patti Theros

Calling all dogs! Grosse Pointers love their dogs and one way to provide an opportunity for them to socialize and play is to bring them to a “bark” park. Grosse Pointe currently has three dog parks: Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods.

Parks are for residents only and require a nominal fee for the park pass which must be renewed each year. At the time of application, owners are required to show proof of their dog’s license and up-to-date shots.

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Since the park is located within Lake Front Park, residents need both a park and a dog park pass to enter. Hours of operation:

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Located next to City Hall, this Dog Park offers close and easy parking. It was the very first dog park in the Grosse Pointes. There is available seating and the City recently added a drinking fountain. Residents can apply for their dog pass at City Hall or at www.gpshoresmi.gov.

It is open all year from dawn to dusk or 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Grosse Pointe Farms Dog Park

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Located behind JoAnn Fabrics on Mack Ave., this expansive Dog Park recently won an award from the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association, “Design Award, Outstanding Facility.” The new and expanded dog park reopened in May 2014 and was funded by the City of Grosse Pointe

Farms and the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation. The park features plenty of green space, gravel and paved areas, a dog agility area, running water, a gazebo, plenty of seating, a sprinkler system and LED lighting.

Applications are available at City Hall, the Parks and Recreation office or at www.grossepointefarms.org.

It is open all year from dawn to dusk or 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ♻️

Andy Moxie and Indi, a two-year-old Labrador



Isla at the Grosse Pointe Farms agility course
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By Patti Theros



As temperatures heat up, you can expect to see these four-legged furry friends strolling around in our community accompanied by a police officer. While they are gentle and friendly, they are trained German Shepherds and have many public safety duties that make them a valuable asset in our community.

Much of the success of the K-9 program is credited to the K-9 Safety Partners of the Grosse Pointes, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and expanding canine units throughout our communities. One of the major benefits of the canine unit is that the dog is available for mutual aid throughout the Grosse Pointes.

Recently the organization helped the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department launch a new canine unit when Xander, a 6-1/2-year old German Shepherd, joined Officer Dan Schewe last year.

According to Al “Skip” Fincham, City Administrator of Grosse Pointe Woods and a board member of K-9 Safety Partners, Grosse Pointe Woods has always felt it was important to have a canine unit. Fincham’s involvement dates back to his time as chief of police

and fire in Grosse Pointe City in 2005 when the department brought in Raleigh, a German shepherd.

“He was very visible in the community and made many public appearances at our local schools. He was very popular and well-liked,” Fincham recalls.

When Raleigh passed away, K-9 Safety Partners wanted to keep a canine in the Grosse Pointes. Thanks to a donation from Grosse Pointe Farms resident Gretchen Valade, the Farms was able to add a canine unit in 2014.

“Mrs. Valade, through her Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, graciously gave the city a contribution to purchase the dog, train it, provide for its care and purchase a canine vehicle,” says Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager Shane Reeside. Interestingly and appropriately, the dog is named “Duke” after the famous American jazz musician Duke Ellington.

When Officer Schewe joined the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department in August of 2014 from Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe Woods made every effort to bring Xander with him.

“We went to the city council to ask for the support to bring the dog on

board. We were able to do so through a donation of \$25,000 via the K-9 Safety Partners and the city’s support,” says Fincham.

The canine units in the Grosse Pointes have been well received and successful. Research has shown that K-9 Units serve as a visible deterrent to crime and have been a proven crime fighting and tracking tool for the Grosse Pointes.

For more information about K9 Safety partners, visit www.k9safetypartners.org. The mission is to raise funds to promote public safety by supporting local police dog programs. The contributions will be used for acquisition of the dog, training, medical care, canine safety vehicle and equipment. [P](#)

Xander, above, is one of the newest members of the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department along with Officer Dan Schewe, who is with the dog 24/7. Schewe attended an intensive training program with Xander after he arrived from Europe. Schewe named the dog Xander because it means “defender of the people.” From left are Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Director Bruce J. Smith, Officer Dan Schewe, Xander and Woods City Administrator Al Fincham.

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Detroit Dog Rescue board member and Platinum Sponsor Janet Pepler, of The Pepler Agency, along with “Miley the Mascot,” invite fellow dog lovers and friends to take part in the fourth annual “Rounds ‘Fore’ Rescues Golf Classic” on Aug. 3 at Lochmoor Club.



Tee off for strays at annual DDR fundraiser

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.

Lonely strays in Detroit have a guardian angel: Detroit Dog Rescue.

With that in mind, animal lovers from the Pointes and surrounding area will be teeing off Aug. 3 for the fourth annual “Rounds ‘Fore’ Rescues Golf Classic” at Lochmoor Club to generate funds and to remind the community of the daily plight faced by vulnerable animals. Registration for the 18-hole scramble, lunch, banquet dinner and raffle is available online at www.detroitdogrescue.bigcartel.com/products?page=2. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

“It’s so important that we pass nice lives on to these poor, innocent pets who are brought into these bad situations,” says Janet Pepler, dog-owner, lifelong Grosse Pointe Woods resident and owner of The Pepler Agency. A board member of Detroit Dog Rescue, Pepler says the program has saved more than 600 dogs since its 2011 formation and is known for earning Detroit’s first “no-kill” shelter status.

DDR has received national exposure through the *Animal Planet* cable series and *NBC Nightly News*, as well as local support from many TV and radio stations. DDR volunteer team members are comparable to capeless superheroes who

often show up at drug houses in the middle of the night following calls from police who have arrested dog owners. Someone has to step up to take these dogs so they won’t be another statistic on Detroit’s streets.

Despite dedication by Kristina Rinaldi, operations director, and steady volunteers, money is a constant, critical concern. Each fully executed rescue averages \$750. Some dogs need weeks of care, and there’s spaying or neutering before they can be adopted.

The “Rounds ‘Fore’ Rescues” goal is to raise \$50,000 to help continue DDR’s good work. The shotgun start is typically about noon.

“This is our biggest fundraiser,” says Pepler. “Shouldn’t everybody be a dog-lover? It’s our opportunity to give back to the creatures that give us unconditional love and do our part to ease the pain that can be inflicted upon them and provide the happy endings.”

DDR can be found online at www.detroitdogrescue.com and on Facebook and Twitter. If you can’t attend the golf outing and/or would like to donate, go to www.detroitdogrescue.com/donate. Email Kristina Rinaldi at kristinaddr@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities. 

Little things mean a lot

By Jon B. Gandelot

It's fascinating to me how families can get into disputes over the division of personal property after their parents die. These arguments are rarely about items of considerable value. More often, children disagree over items which have sentimental, rather than monetary, value.



I recently read an article in which a lawyer related a family dispute over which grandchild was to receive a little blue bowl that Grandma used to serve them breakfast cereal when they slept over at her house as young children. The bowl was a promotional give-away that came in a package of pudding in the 1950s!

Children, even as adults, can get into arguments over these sentimental items. That is why we encourage our clients to discuss with their children to determine whether there are competing requests for the same articles. Making a list of those items and who is to receive them is the best method to avoid the disputes.

When I tell clients of my experiences with disputes and even termination of relationships among children after their parents' deaths, I often get the response, "Oh, that wouldn't happen in our family."

It won't happen if you do the planning. Ask your children if there are items they especially want. Then make a list, sign it, date it and put the list with your estate planning documents.

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

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COOKING with CHEF ETHAN STEINER *To Market*



I like to shop at farmers markets to help support the local farmers, for the quality of fresh, in-season produce and to do my part in helping the environment.

My first experience at a farmers market was when my parents took me to Eastern Market as a young child. I have great memories of fighting with

my brothers for a ride in the wagon before it was filled up with produce!

We would also stop at markets on our family vacations to Mackinac Island, Ohio and Pennsylvania and buy items specific to the area that we were visiting such as apple butter, corn on the cob or blueberry and cherry jam.

I also like to visit the farmers

markets in the Grosse Pointes.

Becoming a regular shopper at the market develops a relationship with the people selling their goods. This benefits local farmers, the community and me!

This dish can be prepared as an entrée with sides of vegetables and rice or as a salad, as seen here.



Glazed Salmon Salad

Ingredients

Grilled salmon (see recipe)

Mixed greens

Grilled asparagus

Grilled pineapple

Avocado, sliced

Tomato, sliced

Caramelized walnuts

Cilantro lime vinaigrette (see recipe)

Grilled Glazed Salmon

serves 4

Ingredients

4 salmon filets

1/4 cup soy sauce

2 tbs honey

1 tbs rice vinegar

1 tbs Sriracha

1 tbs grated fresh ginger

1 tbs minced garlic

Directions

1. Combine soy sauce, honey, vinegar, Sriracha, ginger and garlic. Marinate salmon in mixture and refrigerate for at least one hour
2. Remove salmon from marinade and reserve remaining glaze for grilling
3. Preheat grill on high heat
4. Place marinated salmon directly on the grill grate, skin side down. Brush frequently with the glaze and

grill until salmon easily flakes with a fork

5. Toss mixed greens, asparagus, avocado, pineapple, tomato and caramelized walnuts. Add cilantro vinaigrette
6. Plate salad and place salmon on top

Cilantro Lime Vinaigrette

Ingredients

1/2 cup chopped cilantro

1/4 cup canola oil

2 tbs fresh lime juice

1 clove minced garlic

1 tbs red wine vinegar

Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Mix all ingredients in a blender. Chill for 30 minutes before serving

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

After working the Las Vegas hotel circuit, Steiner decided to return to Michigan. He has worked with, and for, Chef Jose Andres, Chef John Hilton, Chef Rick Moonen, Chef Gordon Ramsay and Chef Wolfgang Puck. Today, Steiner is Sous Chef at Antietam in Detroit Eastern Market in Detroit.

Follow him on twitter@Chef_Ethan.

Self-insuring for LTC expenses

By Lina Bowman

If you have considered long-term care (LTC) insurance but are reluctant to purchase a product you feel you may not need, consider linked-benefit LTC products.



Linked-benefit products are life insurance policies that provide LTC benefits and a potential death benefit for heirs but can also guarantee a return of premium if you change your mind. These products may require a large, single premium, but once you have paid this premium, no future rate increases are possible.

By repositioning an existing asset, you can leverage the asset for income tax-free LTC benefits. If care is never needed, your beneficiary receives an income-tax-free death benefit. Retirement assets are freed up for other uses, and you have control over the asset with a lifetime money-back guarantee of your premium.

For example, repositioning \$100,000 (perhaps a CD saved for health care or LTC emergencies) could provide \$155,000 tax-free death benefit, a \$465,000 total LTC fund (tax-free), a \$6,400 LTC monthly benefit that could last a minimum of 72 months and a \$15,000 residual death benefit if the entire LTC fund is used.

Incorporating a linked-benefit LTC plan into your retirement plan can be a smart alternative to self-insuring as it can create leverage and an income stream to pay for LTC expenses. In addition this solution allows the rest of the portfolio to remain intact — protecting your family, assets, income, lifestyle, and legacy plans.

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09 THURSDAY

- Music on the Plaza in the Village, 7 p.m.

10 FRIDAY

- DSO at Ford House, 8-10 p.m.

11 SATURDAY

- West Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Momcat's Signing Academy, free sign language learning fun for children at Cabbage Patch Cafe & Catering, 9:30 a.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$13 per member, \$15 per non-member, also July 19, 25, 11 a.m.
- Things with Wings Weekends at the Ford House, every Saturday and Sunday through Aug. 30, 12-2 p.m.
- After 6 on Kercheval street fair, 6-10 p.m.
- 34th Annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration at Comerica Park to benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, hosted by edmund t. AHEE jewelers, 7:30 p.m.
- DSO at Ford House, 8-10 p.m.

12 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Farmers Market, also July 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Shores Splash Party, 1-4 p.m.

13 MONDAY

- Summerfest at the War Memorial, a three day, three week celebration, Fun Flicks featuring "E.T.," free admission, 8-11 p.m.

14 TUESDAY

- Summerfest at the War Memorial, a three day, three week celebration, Water Works Theatre Company performing "Shakespeare to the Pointe," free admission, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

15 WEDNESDAY

- West Park Farmers Market, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Summerfest at the War Memorial,

a three day, three week celebration, Dave Bennett on jazz clarinet, free admission, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

16 THURSDAY

- Music on the Plaza in the Village, 7 p.m.
- Wings and Wine at the Ford House, \$35 per member, \$40 per non-member, join artisans from Pewabic for a fun, creative evening with ceramics and wine, adults only, reservations required, 6-8 p.m.

17 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Movie and Campout at Lake Front Park, 9 p.m.

18 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Shores Fishing Derby at Shores Municipal Park Pier, 8-10 a.m.
- 2015 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race, 11:30 a.m.
- West Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Park's 62nd Annual Fishing Rodeo at Windmill Pointe Park, \$5 per child, \$3 per adult, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

19 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Farms Summer Concert featuring The Highballs at Pier Park, 4:30 p.m.

20 MONDAY

- Summerfest at the War Memorial, a three day, three week celebration, Fun Flicks featuring "Back to the Future," free admission, 8-11 p.m.
- Fore the Kids of Judson Center Corporate Golf Challenge at Franklin Hills Country Club, friendly competition on the golf course, barbeque lunch and steak dinner, cocktails, helicopter ball-drop, massage clinic, 8 a.m.

21 TUESDAY

- Summerfest at the War Memorial, a three day, three week celebration, Michigan Opera Theater performing Classics of Opera, Broadway and the Silver Screen, free admission, 7 p.m.

22 WEDNESDAY

- West Park Farmers Market, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Summerfest at the War Memorial, a three day, three week celebration, The Ragbirds playing folk rock world fusion with an infectious global groove, free admission, 7-9 p.m.

24 FRIDAY

- Sidewalk Sale in the Village, 12-9 p.m.

25 SATURDAY

- West Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Sidewalk Sale in the Village, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Design a Fairytale Garden Workshop at the Ford House, \$10 per child, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

27 MONDAY

- Summerfest at the War Memorial, a three day, three week celebration, Fun Flicks featuring "The Wizard of Oz," free admission, 8-11 p.m.

28 TUESDAY

- Summerfest at the War Memorial, a three day, three week celebration, Ballet Americana performs, free admission, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

29 WEDNESDAY

- West Park Farmers Market, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Summerfest at the War Memorial, a three day, three week celebration, Air Margaritaville, a Jimmy Buffett tribute band performs, free admission, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

30 THURSDAY

- Music on the Plaza in the Village, 7 p.m.
- SOC Art Exhibit Preview Party, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, \$50 per person, space is limited, call (313) 822-9600 for reservations, party is 6-8:30 p.m.

30 THURSDAY

- SOC Art Exhibit Grand Opening, free open house, 6-9 p.m.

August

Calendar

01 SATURDAY

- West Park Farmers Market, also Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods City Picnic at Lake Front Park, 12-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation Ice Cream Social at Pier Park, Farms residents and their guests are invited to indulge in free ice cream and enjoy a giant slide, dunk tank, train rides, face painting and magic shows, 1 p.m.

02 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Farmers Market, also Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

05 WEDNESDAY

- West Park Farmers Market, also Aug. 12, 19, 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

08 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Farms and City Annual Fishing Rodeo at Pier Park, ages 17 and under, prizes for all participants and door prizes for the adults, refreshments for breakfast and lunch, open to all residents of Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe City, bring your own bait and fishing poles, organized by Dick

Graves Concessions and is free, fishers ready to cast lines by 8:30 a.m. with start at 9 a.m.

- Momcat's Signing Academy, free sign language learning fun for children at Cabbage Patch Cafe & Catering, 9:30 a.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$13 per member, \$15 per non-member, also Aug. 16, 29, 11 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open House at Provencal-Weir House, free historical tours and La Belle Country Store open, 1-4 p.m.
- After 6 on Kercheval street fair, 6-10 p.m.

13 THURSDAY

- Senior Fun Day at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Wings and Wine at the Ford House, \$35 per member, \$40 per non-member, join artisans from Pewabic for a fun, creative evening with ceramics and wine, adults only, reservations required, 6-8 p.m.

14 FRIDAY

- Cruisin' View Woodward Dream Cruise to benefit Judson Center, presented by Bank of Birmingham, watch the cruise from inside the bank overlooking Woodward, 5 p.m.

15 SATURDAY

- All Pointes Family Outdoor Movie at Grosse Pointe South's Football Field, park passes required, rain date is Aug. 16, movie will begin at dusk, or approximately 9 p.m.
- Paws in the Park at Patterson Park, 8-11 a.m.

20 THURSDAY

- GreekFest at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 4 p.m.

21 FRIDAY

- GreekFest at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 3 p.m.

22 SATURDAY

- Wayne State University's Inaugural Cycling Event, the Baroudeur, to raise money for student scholarships and promote urban cycling and showcase iconic locations including Lakeshore Drive
- Family Bird Walk at the Ford House, \$7 per person, 9-11 a.m.
- GreekFest at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 11 a.m.

23 SUNDAY

- GreekFest at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 11 a.m.



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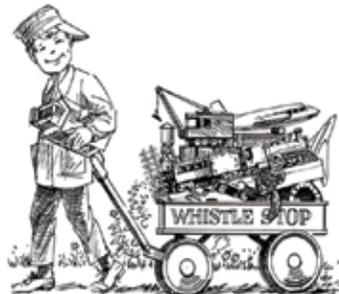
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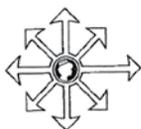
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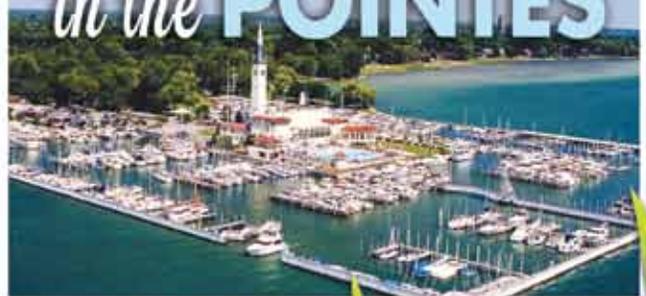
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