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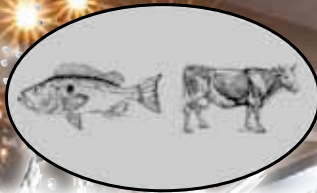
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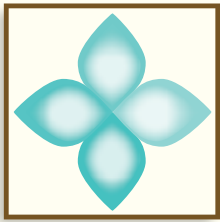
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All aboard for the G.P. Santa Claus Parade!

I want to devote this column to the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. However, before I do that I would like to thank all the many golfers and supporters who turned out for our first annual Lochmoor Club-Pointe Magazine Charity Golf Outing on Columbus Day ... at Lochmoor, of course!

We were able to fill the course with 72 golfers, allowing a foursome to tee off on all 18 holes at the shotgun start. The weather was perfect ... and we all know who to thank for that! Moreover, we were treated to a fabulous golf course, a


National Coney Island lunch, beverages on the course thanks to Bill Matouk at Woods Wholesale, a scrumptuous buffet and drinks afterward and a great tin-can raffle benefitting Special Kids Inc., our designated and deserving charity. Thank you Lochmoor, our sponsors and, especially, Stahls Automotive Foundation, our “flag” sponsor, and Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers, which offered a Rolex for our hole-in-one contest (which no one won!). We are already looking forward to next year’s charity golf outing. Stay tuned!

Now, about the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Santa Parade. Please read the adjacent Letter to the Publisher from Betty Stevens, wife of Friends cofounder and chairman John Stevens. The letter was meant to be used in a story on the Friends in the center spread of this magazine. However, the letter was so well expressed that I thought it warranted further treatment.

The point is that the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, and John and Betty Stevens and their “friends,” have done the Grosse Pointes a huge favor by creating for us the remarkable Santa’s Sleigh that soars over Grosse Pointe at the end of the parade every year on the day after Thanksgiving. Not only that, the Friends have brought us the Grosse Pointe Express and the Toys for Tots caboose — the only known Toys for Tots vehicle in the country — and the White Christmas Carriage, the former Bresser Family sleigh.

However, John and Betty Stevens are getting older and are now Florida residents. They still maintain a home in the City, of course, but the Florida-resident status means they are out of Grosse Pointe for a minimum of six months and one day. The bottom line is the Friends need someone or some organization to step up and take over the Stevens’ leadership of the Friends and/or the sleigh, train and carriage. So if you or someone you know has the time and skills to take it on, let the Friends know. They can be found at www.gpsanta.com and on Facebook.

Lastly, as always and particularly during this holiday season, be sure to patronize our many businesses and advertisers, without whom none of this would be possible.

Happy holidays and see you around the Pointe! 

Letter to the Publisher

Having lived in the Grosse Pointes and privileged to raise our family here, one way for us to give back to our community was to give our time.

Time can be a scarcity. It can seem that everyone is so busy, but the reality is that the best times are those being busy with family and friends creating memories to last a lifetime.

When your children are in the “Santa” phase of their lives, you are truly compensated to do a project that puts smiles on the faces of children.

For John and me, we have grandchildren in college and grandchildren in upper middle school. Yes, the years have truly made us “seniors.”

It is definitely time for new leaders and followers to take the responsibility to touch up the paint on the Carriage, put gas in the Wellness Train, polish the Sleigh and put a charged battery in Rudolph’s bright-red shining nose.

Rather than have a community disappointed of not having these toys in the Santa parade this message is an alert to the community to find those persons interested in keeping our legacy alive for the pleasure of all the parade viewers.

Let’s face the music, put on the thinking caps, and keep these toys in Grosse Pointe!

Wishing much success in all your endeavors.

Betty Stevens

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Name: **Avery Jakubowski** Age: **6** School: **Trombly**
 Parents: **Matt and Renee** Siblings: **Zach, 11, and Matt, 9**
 Interests: **Gymnastics, cheerleading, swim team**

Favorites

Book	<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!</i> by Mo Willems	
Family Activity	Go out on our boat and tailgate	School Subject Math
Outdoor Activity	Tailgating for Michigan football	Game Shopkins
Vacation	Universal Studios in Orlando	Food Candy

What do you want to be when you grow up?

An artist

What is your favorite thing about going to school?

Seeing my friends

Who do you look up to and why?

My Mom and Dad because I love them.

About Avery

I love doing math. I am on the gymnastics team and have fun at competition. I am best at the balance beam, but I'm a pretty good flipper. I do cartwheels everywhere I go, and I can't help it. I love to cheerlead for the Red Barons in the fall. I am on swim team in the Park and swam in the prelims. I have two big brothers and they're pretty nice. I love my grandparents, they come to watch me at all my events and let me spend the night. My grandma helps me with my art, and I'm a really good artist just like her.

Meet Harrison

Name:
Harrison Cavanagh

Siblings: **Ada, 3** Birthdate & time:
Sept. 27, 2014 at 11:44 a.m.

First words:
Ada and Ella (the dog)

Parents:
Ryan and Alexis Cavanagh

Favorite toy or game:
He loves playing in Ada's princess house and sitting in her throne.

Cute habit:
He laughs at everything his sister does.



About Harrison *in Mommy and Daddy's words*

"Harrison is busy! He is obsessed with his sister and follows her around happily taking orders and playing with princesses. Other than the fact that he isn't fazed by a little pink, he's all boy and loves eating meatballs, wrestling with dad, dragging around his teddy bear and growling at the dog when she barks at the mailman. He climbs all over the dog, dances when he hears music and gets so excited when he sees his family after a day at Assumption, that he jumps, laughs and runs so fast he stumbles."

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From the podium, John Bates, president of Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club, opens the meeting on Oct. 8, 2015.



GROSSE POINTE WAR MEMORIAL VETERANS CLUB

By Andrew Dietderich

Members of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club may walk into the historic building separately, but inside they stand as one, and all in attendance feel it.

That unspoken sense of unity among those who have served is a constant theme and the reason many say they need to be involved with the organization.

It's a feeling that allows Cheryl Costantino, a Desert Storm veteran, to feel a kinship with 93-year-old Ray Mabarak, who served in World War II. The two were among the 30 or so who attended the group's Oct. 8 meeting.

"Once you wear a uniform, you have a brotherhood for life," says Mabarak. "Whatever branch you are affiliated with you feel it when you get together with a group like this."

Costantino says she makes it a priority to attend club meetings. "We're losing so many veterans of World War II, Korea, and even Vietnam now," she says. "I just love to come here and learn about what they experienced and what they saw with their own eyes."

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club consists of former and active duty servicemen and women "who have joined together to honor the traditions of the U.S. Armed Forces and to support the patriotic mission of military service organizations," according to the nonprofit's mission statement.

The club dates back to the late 1970s, when a group of veterans who regularly met at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church formed the organization. Eventually, the club was allowed to start using space at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and given approval to incorporate the historic site's name into its own.

Today, membership is open to all honorably discharged

John Lind, veteran and director of Detroit Arsenal of Democracy, discusses the different kind of weaponry used during World War II.



veterans regardless of service branch or years served and who live within 30 miles of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

There aren't any dues or income. Money to pay for stuff like coffee, cookies, printing, mail (the group doesn't use e-mail or the Internet) comes from the organization's annual fund drive.

The group also welcomes and encourages guests who may be interested in learning more about what it's really like to be part of the U.S. Armed Forces — instead of relying on books, made-for-TV documentaries or movies.

Meetings also include a guest speaker. For example, John Lind, director of St. Clair Shores-based Detroit Arsenal of Democracy, gave a presentation in October on the brutal Battle of the Bulge.

"You can do all of the reading you want, but firsthand interpretation of history is the best, and that's exactly what you get with this group," says Lind, a veteran of the Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force who served between 1980 and 2007. "It's an extremely valuable part of our community and more people should take advantage of having such a wealth of information right here in Grosse Pointe."

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call John Bates, president, at (313) 881-4125, or Larry Sullivan, vice president, (313) 881-8631. ☐

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Meet Emma



Name	Emma Clutterbuck
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Parents	Laura and Ty Clutterbuck

Emma's Favorites

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Music Genre

Pop

TV Show

Law and Order SVU

Movie

Heathers

Actor

Michael Cera

School Subject

English

Vacation

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Food

Chicken Tikka Masala

Book

Sharp Objects by Gillian Flynn

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Sailing

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

I want to learn how to do a cartwheel.

What song on your iPod would people be surprised by?

Aaron's Party by Aaron Carter

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

1. To be accepted into Tufts University
2. To get through senior year
3. Be successful in creating Girls Group — a club at Brownell

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Starting grad school

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

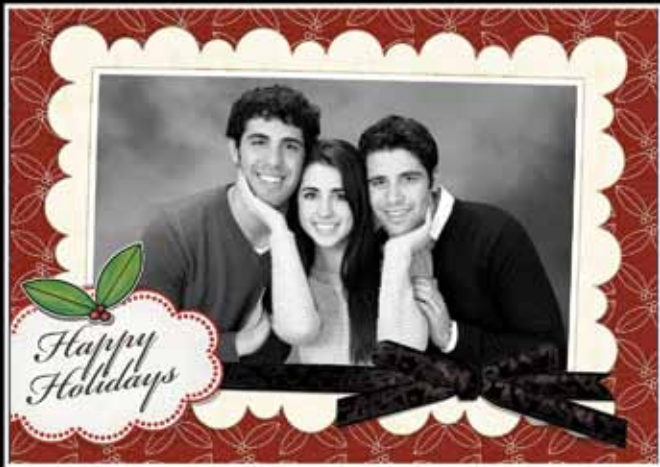
I wanted to be a teacher, now I want to be an engineer.

About Emma

Emma is a senior at Grosse Pointe South, where she is captain of the varsity sailing team. She is also in the process of starting a girls empowerment club at Brownell Middle School.

She loves photography, poetry and watching Netflix with her friends.

Emma has three siblings, T.J., 16, Drew, 14 and Miya, 6.



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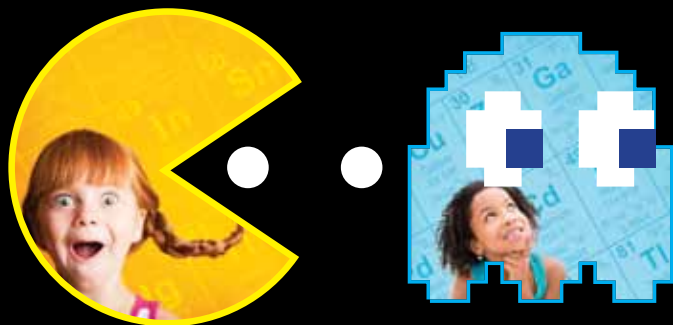
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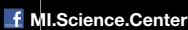
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INSTILLING PATRIOTISM IN CHILDREN

By Lena Carlile



Patriotism is defined as a devoted love, support and defense of one's nation. There are many ways to demonstrate patriotism, from serving one's country to simply waving the American flag on the 4th of July. Any patriotic gesture that, whether small or large, celebrates and strengthens this great nation should be fortified.

A nation at war undoubtedly brings out a more patriotic mood among the nation's population, as the nation reveres their sons and daughters who go into harm's way. The questions remain: How does one instill patriotism in a child? How is it learned? How is it conveyed from generation to generation?

Many years ago, my mother, Lucille Andrews, encouraged me to give my two sons a unique patriotic experience: participate in the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

Early in 1983, I submitted a request to the Department of the Army for my sons Hunter, who was 14, and Foster, who was 10, to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The assigned date was March 26, for which my mother and I handcrafted a wreath of magnolia

On Aug. 8, the children and grandchildren of Lena T. Carlile, of Grosse Pointe Park, visited and placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Va. In photograph with her are sons, Hunter and Foster, and her grandchildren Tucker, Macy, Will, Carter and Everett. Not pictured are daughters-in-law Tara and Jennifer Carlile.



Lena Carlile

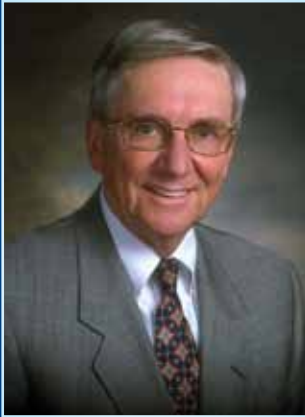
leaves. This special ceremony even encouraged Foster to join the military several years later.

Thirty-two years later I made a similar request for the next generation (Hunter and Foster's children) to return to the very same memorial in Arlington National Cemetery, and once again pay tribute to those service members that have given their lives in the defense of this great Nation. The appointed date was August 6, 2015. A couple hours before the ceremony, our family arrived in Washington, D.C., wearing our finest, on best behavior, and once again carrying custom handmade wreaths. Ψ



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RETIRED U.S. NAVY CAPTAIN A CREDIT TO THE UNIFORM

By Pete Waldmeir

When I was about to enter the U. S. Marine Corps in 1951, my late brother Joe, a decorated World War II Army veteran, offered me a piece of sage advice: “No matter what they promise you,” Joe cautioned, “never volunteer for anything!”

Apparently, Grosse Pointe Woods resident John McCandless was one of those guys who never did get “the word.” A retired U.S. Navy captain, McCandless has been volunteering tirelessly for various civilian-related military projects for years since he left active service.

This Veterans Day marks another milestone for McCandless and a group of generous former service member volunteers who will celebrate the grand opening of a second “Freedom Center” hospitality lounge at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.

The first restful Freedom haven, which opened on Nov. 11, 2011, in the Edward M. McNamara terminal, has played host to more than 175,000 active duty and retired military personnel and their families in transit through Detroit Metro. The second lounge, which was funded by a grant from the Masco Foundation, opens this Veterans Day in the North Terminal.

“It’s a huge airport, with many airlines,” McCandless says. “We want to be able to welcome all military travelers.”

McCandless, who served aboard the aircraft carrier *USS America* during the Vietnam war, is no stranger to service-



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related projects. A Navy League member, in the past he’s helped to increase public awareness of the crew of the *SSBN Michigan*, an Ohio class nuclear submarine which is now forward deployed at Guam.

A former Toyota public relations director, he’s also been the PR point man for one of the Navy’s newest littoral, shallow-draft, combat ships, the *USS Detroit*, which was christened last fall in northern Wisconsin and will be commissioned in Detroit next summer.

Did Capt. McCandless have anything to do with naming the *USS Detroit* after the Motor City? “That’s a function of Secretary of the Navy,” McCandless admits.

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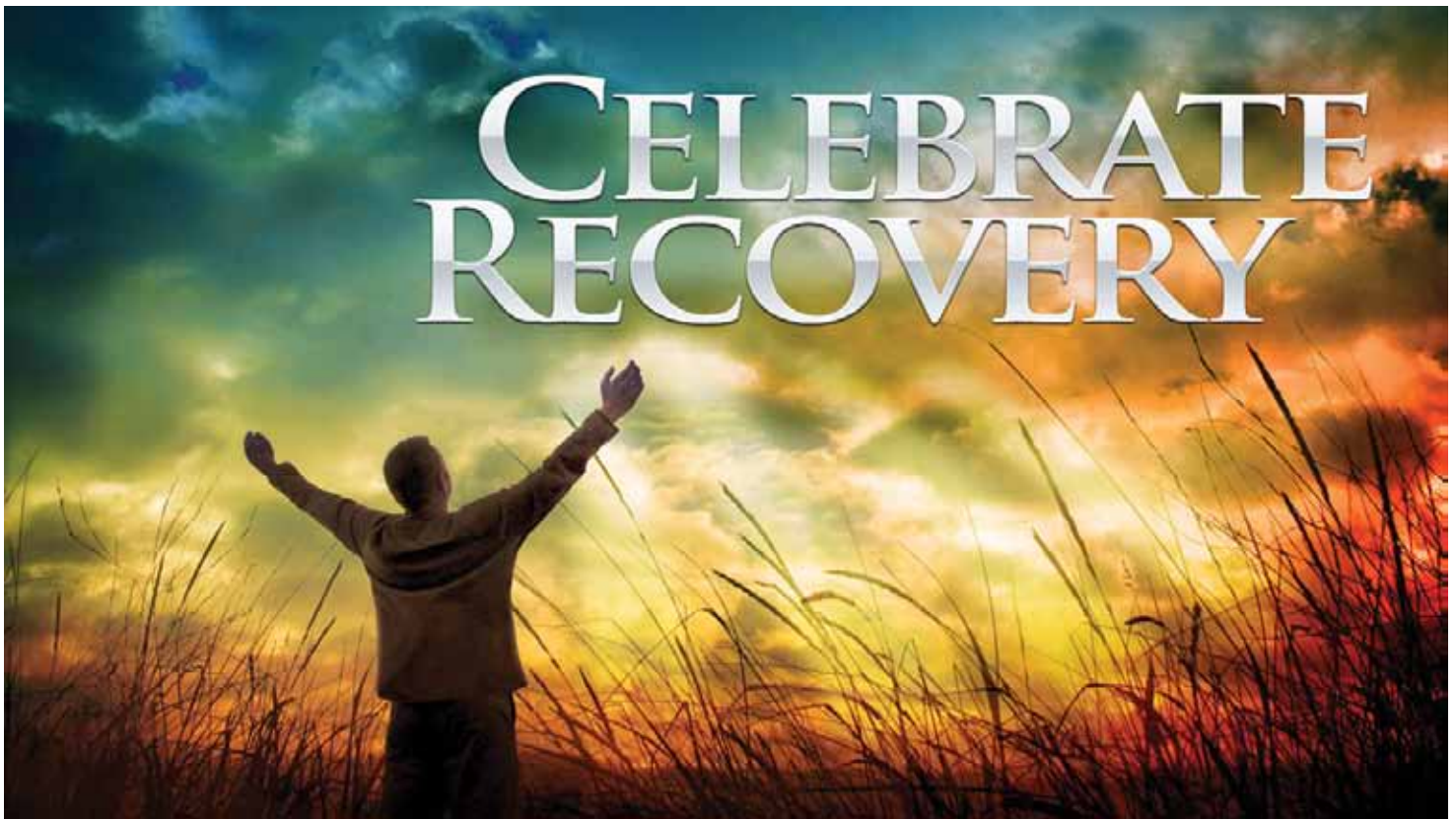
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Not Just Another Recovery Program

By Sarah Stahl


Everyone struggles at some point with hurts, hang-ups or habits. Whether it be self-help books, seminars, mental health programs or relationships, people are constantly trying to fill a void in search for a solution. In 1990, John Baker, a pastor at Rick Warren's Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif., founded a program called Celebrate Recovery. According to *USA Today*, "Celebrate Recovery, a 12 step program offered in 20,000 churches around the world, adds religion to the mix to help heal people suffering from addiction and abuse."

Hearing the word "recovery," to many implies drugs or alcohol addiction, but only 1 out of 3 participants is actually dealing with chemical dependency. Those who attend do so for many other reasons, such as regret, loneliness, feelings of inadequacy, codependency, abandonment, anger issues, and depression, to name a few. Celebrate Recovery provides a non-judgmental, structured support network to find hope and true healing.

"Why is this program different than any other I've tried?" Tom Johnson, a clinical psychologist at Indiana State University, says. "It could be our spiritual needs are such that religious activities are one of the things that's powerful enough to push addiction out of the picture." Harvard University psychologist John Kelly says the growth of the program is evidence that it is working for many attendees. "People are really grasping on to this. They're attending. They're going back!" he says.

Baker has often remarked that "my goal is to put Celebrate Recovery out of business by breaking the cycles of dysfunction in our families." That's why in 2009 a children's program (ages 5-13) called Celebration Place was established to coincide with the Celebrate Recovery. Both groups explore topics that bring healing and wholeness. Baker likes to call this program, "Precovery."

In our community, parents and professionals have to work together in preventive efforts to address the raging epidemic of "bullying." The National Education Association reports that as many as 160,000 kids miss school every day out of fear of being victimized by such behaviors. In addition to awareness and education, it is programs like Celebration Place that help redirect a child's feelings of fear, insecurity and hopelessness to the safe place of love, comfort and hope through biblical principles in their lives. If you or someone you know is currently struggling with the challenges of a hurt, habit or hang-up of any kind, there's a place right here in our community.

Now in its third year, we invite you to visit your local Celebrate Recovery and Celebration Place at Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack Avenue at Old Eight Mile, in Grosse Pointe Woods. Meetings are every Friday night from 7-9 p.m. For more information, go to www.crosspointechristianchurch.org/connect/adults/celebrate-recovery or call (313) 881-3343. 

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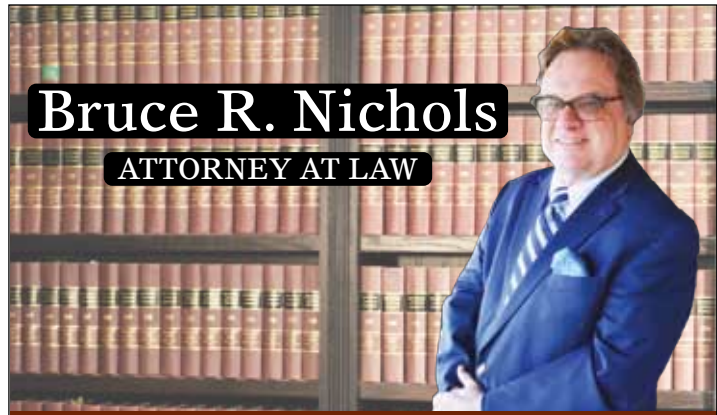
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By Andrew Dietderich



Four-time Olympic Medal Winner Greg Barton and Nick Murray, winner of the race from Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park to Belle Isle

An epic kayaking journey around the whole of lower Michigan doesn't end by lazily limping to a finish. Instead, it begs for a proper conclusion and that's exactly how the Paddle Relay Around Lower Michigan ended on Aug. 28 – with a relatively quick jaunt down the Detroit River from the beach at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park to Belle Isle.

And when the event that began June 1 was said and done, not only had the paddlers collectively traversed 1,100 miles of coastline around Michigan's Lower Peninsula, but also raised about \$47,000 for charity.

"Paddle Relay Around Michigan was a monumental undertaking – the logistics were complicated and intricate, to say the least," says Ullie Sherer, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident and one of the event organizers. "But we finished proudly, on a high note and are already making plans for 2016."

Sherer co-organized Paddle Relay Around Michigan with James Dagg and Nick Murray. The organizers say the purpose was to not only celebrate and enjoy the Great Lakes, but also raise money for charity. Eight charities will receive funds through the event, including the Chicago-based Alliance for the Great Lakes, a nonprofit dedicated to conserving and restoring the bodies of water and primary recipient of monies raised.

"Paddle Relay Around Lower Michigan wasn't meant to be a super-intense, high endurance race or anything like that – it

was intended to celebrate and enjoy our waters," says Murray. "The whole idea was for it to be a collective effort so we could involve people from each area it passed."

During the three calendar months of the relay, it passed


by some of the most beautiful destinations around Michigan's coastline – from Holland and spots in and around Traverse Bay to the Straits of Mackinac, Presque Isle and Port Austin.

The relay was broken into 13 segments of roughly 80 miles each. The final segment – from Lexington to Detroit – was slightly longer and concluded with the last stretch from Grosse Pointe to Detroit.

"We wanted to start and end in the city of Detroit and Pier Park was the ideal spot for everyone to get together before the big finish," says Dagg.

About 50 people participated in the final stretch of the relay. Among them was Greg Barton, a four-time Olympic medalist who competed in kayaking in three summer Olympics.

Barton is a Michigan native and Founder/CEO of Epic Kayaks, which helped sponsor the event by donating some vessels for use during the relay, including the relay's flagship – a super fancy, lightweight kayak called a surfski.

"I'm originally from Michigan and know how beautiful the water is here so as soon as I heard about the event I wanted to get involved," says Barton. "I'm glad there was so much participation and so many people getting out on the water." 



Ulli Sherer of Grosse Pointe Farms, co-organizer of the Paddle Relay Around Lower Michigan

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Joel Brammeier, president and CEO of Alliance for the Great Lakes, and James Dagg, co-organizer of the event

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CROSSPOINTE CHRISTIAN CHURCH LIVES MISSION THROUGH RENOVATIONS AND BEYOND

By Sarah Stahl

Crosspointe Christian Church's spiritual foundation was laid in 1887 with a small group of German missionaries.

Throughout its history, the church relocated and changed names several times, having been known as Third German Baptist Church of Detroit, Burn's Avenue Baptist Church and Grosse Pointe Baptist Church.

Between 1887 and 1954, the German church saw tremendous growth and decided to make Grosse Pointe Woods its home. The formerly German-speaking church became known as Crosspointe Christian Church.

In the last two years, with a growing congregation and increased community outreach opportunities, Crosspointe began the long awaited remodel of its dated 1950s sanctuary.

The design team included Master Architect Ron Cieslak, contractor Rich Russell, the grandson of the original builder, and congregation input.

Members of this church quickly offered assistance in their field of expertise. Vernon Wright, master electrician, brought the ancient electrical work up to code, donating

hours upon hours of his time. Rather than hire a demolition crew, many brave volunteers ventured to do the work themselves.

This successful collaboration met the challenge of maintaining character

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while modernizing the magnificent room encompassing the massive organ pipes and beautiful stained glass windows.

With the same dedication as the original congregation, current members focus on caring for those in the community and abroad, spreading the Good News and "Helping make Christ the center of their lives."

Such a feat is accomplished through Awana Club, youth groups, annual

medical mission trips to Paraguay and supporting the Syrian refugees vulnerable and devastated by war.

Crosspointe Christian Church offers other programs, such as study groups and healing programs for the entire family.

The old German church invites all to visit the recently remodeled sanctuary, highlighting the beautiful organ pipes and enchanting stained glass windows.

A prayer of dedication was offered in 1954 and is applicable today: "Lord our Father, by whose grace this building has been erected, we praise Thee... May it be a house of prayer, a lighthouse for the wanderers, a home for those whose hearts are lonely. May it be a place where men who have been hurt in life's battle are welcome to come and have their spiritual wounds bound up ... In Jesus' Holy Name, Amen."

Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The church is located at 21336 Mack Ave., on the corner of Eight Mile Rd. and Mack Ave., facing Eight Mile Rd. in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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RIGHT @ Home

Mad about plaid

By Virginia Ficarra

Stay ahead of the season; the mission here is to enjoy the true spirit of the holidays. Thanksgiving isn't all about the turkey or rushing out the next day to shop for gifts. Trying to cram everything into a few days creates impulsive decisions. Be gentle on yourself. Here are some helpful ideas and trends.



The 'hot' plaid fabric pattern, left, begins this season; it has the potential to remain popular into 2016. Plaid, usually associated with work clothing, now gains an overall appeal showing up on labels, housewares, fashionable men and women's clothing, even lunch bags. The pattern mix ranges from varying sizes of plaids with accents of checks, chevrons, stripes, and in combinations of black and white.

The new color forecast is all about "fresh air," highlighting a tranquil sky blue and frosty white and silver. Included in the kaleidoscope are the saturated warm and cool hues seen at sunrise and sunset. These colors swirl into our home décor on all levels, expressing the incoming blossoms upon appliquéd cushions, pictured right, drapery fabrics and clothing.

If you are tired of the usual red and green, add a bit of plaid and silver glitz to your current wreaths, trees and mantel settings. If you prefer a more natural scheme, consider a neutral beige and white with accents of yellows and greens. Bright colors softened with neutral tones create energetic yet relaxing environments. Begin now to usher in fresh cut greenery. A simple option to hassle free scents is to set a pine scented candle jar on the floor next to a radiator; uncapped and unlit, each time the heat goes on it fills the room with a delightful aroma.



Note the use of ornaments, left, for this instant New Year centerpiece. Perhaps you have a vintage family ornament to show off. Simply secure it in a clear glass container with tinsel or small colored beads or bulbs; a delightful conversational piece for a dining table. Feature ornaments in other settings such as attaching them to a banister garland, or hung with ribbon from a chandelier.

There is no time limit or designated day to celebrate in order to be grateful for our blessings. However, hang onto your special traditions and create a magical environment and memorable moments with family and friends whenever you can, and my blessings to all.

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Grosse Pointe Memorial sesquicentennial

By Robert Musial



Photo by James Lady

Since its founding in 1865 a few months after the end of the Civil War, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church has welcomed millions of worshipers and visitors through its doors.

In September, the familiar Lake Shore Road landmark in Grosse Pointe Farms celebrated its 150th birthday with a weekend celebration that included a family barbecue overlooking Lake St. Clair, old and new music during the Sunday service and the welcome return of its refurbished carillon bells.

Among the highlights was watching former members


and returning pastors celebrate the occasion with current and new members and young children, says the Rev. Peter Henry. “The entire weekend was a reminder that while we’re indebted to a past that includes full and faithful service, we have to answer the call to serve our community and one another now,” says Henry.

As a 150th birthday project earlier this year, members and friends packed over 150,000 meals for Kids Against Hunger. Church volunteers also finished their third Habitat for Humanity house in three years.

The church, which has 1,250 members, was first located in a wooden building on Kerby Road at Lake Shore. As part of the sesquicentennial, members walked the one mile from Kerby to the church for the Sunday service.

The present church, located next to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, was dedicated in 1927 and has been expanded since then. In 2013, its lake-side Trinity Terrace was renovated for outdoor worship in the summer. It served as the site for the 150th birthday picnic dinner which, in a homage to the past, included rollicking square dancing.

As part of the weekend, the church also unveiled its expanded landscaped columbarium, with 200 new niches to provide those interred “with a permanent address on Lake Shore.”

And, finally, a familiar sound is once again being heard along Lake Shore Road. The carillon at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church has been refurbished and was rededicated in September. As part of the church’s 150th birthday, a 48th bell weighing 2,800 pounds was installed. It is named after Phyllis Webb, the church’s longtime carillonneur. 



Haven Henry, left, helped the caterers serve lunch and show off the church’s sesquicentennial cake!

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Centenarian's Work Continues to Help Women Grow

By Beth Newhart

Lee Meyer was long known in the Grosse Pointes as the owner of This 'N That For Pets on Mack for 50 years. She may have sold the business ten years ago at the age of 90, but she continued to be a force in the Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe with a mission to help women and girls both here and abroad.

Over the course of 55 years, Meyer served on many committees and helped every position on the board of directors. She even served as president three times. She says she most enjoyed working with Positive Images, a treatment program for women recovering from substance abuse supported by the Grosse Pointe group. She tutored women in computer science and helped them prepare for the GED. As she helped, she began to notice a problem that needed to be addressed.

"I noticed that many of them were having trouble reading due to poor vision and didn't have eyeglasses," she says. "So I started buying readers and asked friends to contribute them so I had a supply to give the women who needed them."

Meyer turned 100 years old on Oct. 19, and two days later, her fellow club members gathered at her residence for their monthly meeting. It was a special evening; not

only would they wish her well for such a milestone, but there was business to which she needed to attend. Meyer had the honor of drawing the winning tickets for the group's annual Dine Around Town Raffle, a fundraiser she created when she was a mere 92 years old and chaired up until four years ago.




Lee Meyer at 100. Photos by Beth Newhart

"The Dine Around Town Raffle was my pet project," she says. "I thought it would be a good fundraiser because it did not depend upon getting a large number of attendees to cover the cost of the event."

This year, local restaurants donated \$2,250 in gift certificates, and six prize bundles were given out. The fundraiser brought in \$6,500.

"This raffle is the club's largest fundraising

effort, raising over 60% of our annual awards," says club president Roseanne Horne. Scholarships for women and girls provide funds for educational expenses or vocational training.

Meyer is currently the longest-living member of the Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe, having joined a year after the club was formed in 1956. 



Seated, from left, Mary Ellen Burke, past president, Roseanne Horne, current president, Lee Meyer, Amanda Be, president-elect, Ann Cunningham, long time member of 37 years at 96 years old, along with other fellow Soroptimists to celebrate Meyer's 100 birthday.

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Thanksgiving is one of my most favorite holidays. It's all about being together with family, watching football and eating great food.

Now that I am older and my brothers live out of state, I look forward to Thanksgiving because we just spend time with one another. My brothers, Michael and Max, fly in from Las Vegas the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

It's always a surprise to see who is

coming with them. The past few years they have brought their friends and the family seems to get bigger and bigger. I cannot wait to see who comes home with them this year.

My brothers and cousins and uncles get up early and run the Turkey Trot while I stay home and prepare the meal with my mom and dad. (At least that is what I tell the runners! But honestly, I sleep a few extra hours!)

We usually have 2-3 turkeys; one fresh from the farm and two from the supermarket. We smoke two birds in the electric smoker outside and the one is roasted in the oven. Before smoking the turkey, I brine it for a day or two.

Preparing the food is truly a family effort. My dad and Max make the pumpkin pies the night before. My mom and I peel the potatoes, prepare the vegetables and sauces. My dad is the turkey and stuffing expert.

Once the family, about 25 people, arrives things get moving. My grandma and aunts all gather in the kitchen with us and it gets a little crowded. My Aunt Barbara whips up the mashed potatoes while pretending to talk to her TV audience. Before we know it, it's time to sit down and give thanks and eat!

The highlight of Thanksgiving is usually my Uncle Earl. We wait anxiously for him to arrive from attending the Lions game with my Uncle Mike. Win or lose, my Uncle Earl is always in an extremely happy and entertaining mood. Could it be from a few too many ginger ales at the game?

Before we know it, dinner is over and some are cleaning and some are passed out on couches. We watch more football, eat more turkey and the day quickly winds down.

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Directions

1. Combine apricots, brown sugar, raisins and water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil.
2. Reduce heat to a simmer. Stir while simmering for about 5 minutes.
3. Stir in cranberries, apple and lemon zest. Simmer 10 minutes.
4. Stir in lemon juice, ginger and pepper flakes just before removing from heat.
5. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

Meet Mary



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Christmas

Vacation

Harsens Island and skiing with kids and grandkids Up North

Spot in Grosse Pointe

Poolside at Lochmoor Club

Sports Team

Red Wings

Outdoor Activity

Snow ski

Restaurant

Andiamo Trattoria

Food

Apple pancake at The Original House of Pancakes

Dessert

Anything chocolate

What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

Love being close to the water, the sunrises are magnificent, neighbors are warm and friendly

What are two of your best personality traits?

Very hard worker, and I enjoy doing for others

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

Ashley and I took a 17-day graduation trip around Europe visiting Rome, Florence Venice, Munich, Prague, Vienna and Paris.

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

I would take everyone to Disney World, invest the rest and keep working and take care of my family.

What is the best gift you have ever received?

2005 Gold 50th anniversary Ford Thunderbird

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I started in real estate in 2006 when the market was just starting to crash. In 2012, 2013 and 2014 I have been recognized by Hour Magazine as Top 5% of Realtors in Southeastern Michigan. I love what I do; working with clients and helping them find the home of their dreams is very fulfilling to me.

What is one thing not many people know about you?

I was a hairstylist for 28 years.

Words to live by?

There is no limit to what you can accomplish but you have to commit yourself to follow your dream.

About Mary

Born and raised in Grosse Pointe Woods, Mary attended St. Joan of Arc school and Grosse Pointe North High School.

She and husband Steve have three daughters, Kristy (Matt), Jackie (Mark) and Ashley (Kyle), and five grandchildren — Noah, Avery, Evan, Jackson and Ryan.

Mary loves to entertain and throws great backyard parties.

When time permits Mary enjoys vacation time that includes skiing, golfing or just sitting on a beach.

Tennis, walking, biking, baking, doing crafts and decorating for all holidays are among her many interests.

In Mary's words, "I am very fortunate to have so much love and support around me."



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Resident pup Myrtle accompanying me on one of my daily walks around the grounds of Huntington Castle. Through the window at the lower right is the tea room I volunteered in for six weeks in exchange for accommodation inside the 17th century castle still owned by descendents of the family who built it.



A European Edit

By Lauren McGregor

Typically, at this time of the year I am readying myself for a packed schedule of Grosse Pointe holiday events and e-mailing our writers in an attempt to get a head start on editing the November-December issue of Pointe Magazine. Instead, I sit on a balcony in the Cinque Terre, Italy, watching the sunset and listening to the humdrum of foreign chitchat in the piazza below.

For four years I've written and edited stories about Pointers' adventures abroad. From vacations, missions and volunteer trips to Peru, Spain,

Australia and everywhere in between, Pointers are unmatched in their travel experiences.

So when my husband Corey and I began saving up for a year abroad and publisher John Minnis and business manager Terry Minnis (or, Uncle John and Aunt Terry to me) generously gave me the go ahead to work online, I wondered what images I might share, what stories I might tell.

So far, we've climbed Mount Snowdon in Wales, drank cocktails in an abandoned London underground station, volunteered in an Irish castle, toured Dachau Concentration Camp, driven on the German Autobahn and dined on 'real' pizza in a Tuscan hilltop village.

Of course we became more open minded, inspired, and adaptable through our experiences. But above all, our time abroad has made me grateful - grateful for what I have, what I am able to see, and for my roots.

While working in the tea room of an Irish castle, I met plenty of American tourists. After recognizing my Midwestern accent, they would attempt to commiserate about our (American) lack of community. "I'm from California," many said (those Californians get around). "I just love the Irish hospitality, the sense of



The Bavarian countryside, and below



Atop the cupola of the Duomo in Florence, Italy

community. Everyone talks to us. You just can't find that back home."

I'd bite my tongue and think to myself, "Actually, I know *exactly* where you can find that." And with swelling gratitude, my thoughts turned to our Grosse Pointe community, the people and gatherings that I missed.

See you in a couple of months, from a seaside pub in the English countryside. ☺

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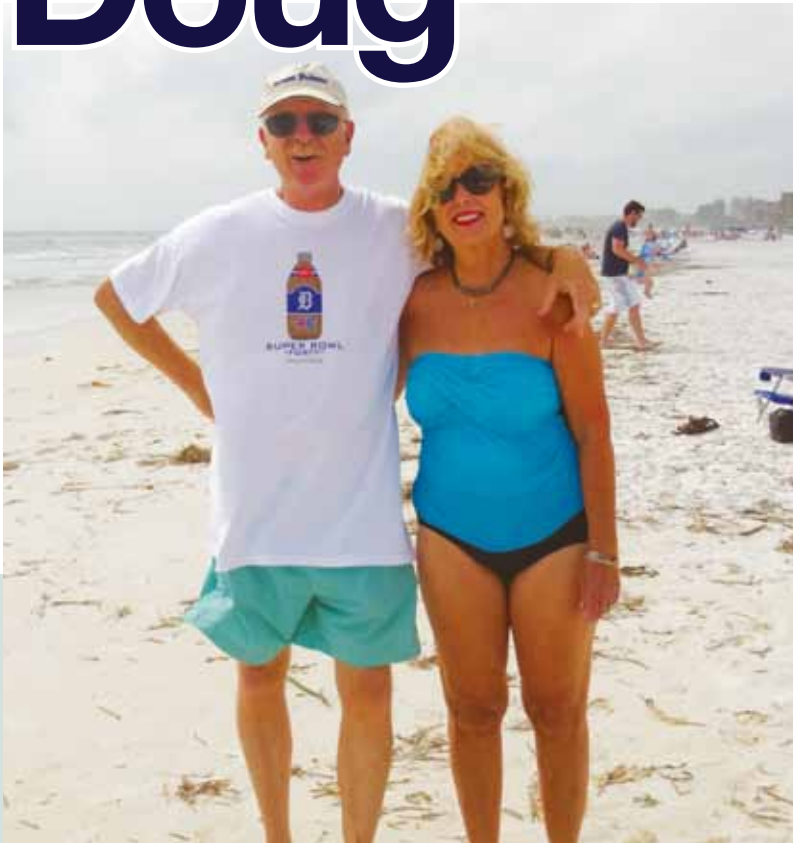
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Name	Doug Cordier
City	Sarasota, Florida
Occupation	Wellness Chef/Italian cooking instructor

Doug's Facts

Grosse Pointe hometown

Grosse Pointe Farms

Years lived in Grosse Pointe

60

About Doug

Doug and wife Mary Beth love their new life in Sarasota Florida! Each day is filled with new experiences for the couple who enjoy the beauty of the Gulf and Siesta Key Beach.

Sarasota has recently been voted the "Happiest place in the U.S." and the area is filled with abundant choices in theatre, music, wildlife preserves, fishing, biking and boating.

"Because of the sun and climate we believe we are healthier and more active" Doug says.

They love having friends and family visit their little piece of paradise.

Doug and Mary Beth have two children, Erica who lives in Manhattan and Ryan who makes his home in Chicago. They are also the proud grandparents of Sophia, Caroline and Cameron.

When and why did you move from Grosse Pointe?

Retired and moved in 2014

What do you miss most about living in Grosse Pointe?

Our dear friends and all the great Grosse Pointe shop owners and organizations we were part of.

Do you get back to Grosse Pointe often?

We get back to Grosse Pointe at least twice a year or more.

If so, what do you find has changed? Stayed the same?

Grosse Pointe has not changed and will always remain the same.

Do you have family here?

No family in Grosse Pointe now

What do you tell people about Grosse Pointe?

I wear my Grosse Pointe Chamber hat and promote Grosse Pointe everywhere I go.

What preconceptions do people have about Grosse Pointe?

Some people perceive Grosse Pointe as a giant clique...it isn't.

If circumstances permitted, would you move back to Grosse Pointe?

Although we truly love Grosse Pointe, we would probably not move back.

Rental income is the goal

By Anna Bartolotta

Rental income is, in my opinion, the best income around. If you are receiving rental income, be grateful. Some owners who bought at the wrong time or their rents are currently too low are just happy breaking even monthly.



Breaking even is good, all your bills are being paid, and someone else is paying off your mortgage note. But what if you had extra money in your pocket every month for all your hard work being the great landlord that you are?

Rental income is the goal! How are your bills looking? How often is your water bill, specifically, making you cry?

I believe we reach a point where we just pay our bills and not investigate them too deeply. Is there a toilet in your rental unit that is leaking water because of a bad flush valve and can this inexpensive repair save you hundreds or even thousands a year in expenses? Can you refinance your building for a lower interest rate? Can you raise your rent slightly and show a small profit at the end of the month?

Funds coming in vs. funds going out are in your hands, and you control your own empire! What if you open a line of credit at a builder's warehouse and save a percentage on every purchase you make? (Please pay it in full each month to avoid interest charges.) It all adds up and if we can attempt to stop or slow down the bleeding, we can potentially show rental income!

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Enjoy a special look at the elegant home festively adorned in the finest holiday trimmings. From the original teardrop glass ornaments on the tree in the Main Hall to the stunning table display in the Dining Room, no detail has been overlooked.

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Santa's Workshop is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and is included with regular admission.

Winter Wonderland

Take a serene nighttime stroll along a path illuminated by thousands of shining lights and glowing luminaries. Stop along the way to enjoy music around a fire pit, Christmas tales with a storyteller or a cup of hot chocolate or warm mulled wine. Don't miss a visit to the Play House and Santa's Workshop, where Santa will be waiting to greet you!

Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 26; 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; \$10 per person

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Holiday Tea & Tour

Guests will be treated to a guided tour of the house, followed by a tea with tantalizing savories and desserts in the Cotswold Café.

Dec. 6, 14, 17; 3 p.m.; \$35 per person

Nutcracker Tea

Children will feel all grown up as they enjoy warm holiday drinks and small bites at this child-friendly teatime. Santa will be waiting for a special visit in the Play House! Don't forget your camera!

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Santa's Workshop in the Village

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Santa's Workshop is located next to St. John Ralph Wilson Campus, entrance on Kercheval Ave.

The Workshop is open Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

West Park Winter Social

On Nov. 28, from 4 to 10 p.m., Kercheval Ave., between Wayburn and Maryland in the Park, will light up with this free to attend party. The evening includes a tree lighting ceremony, fire pit-fueled warming zones, numerous food trucks and a heated Winter Ale and Seasonal Spirit tent featuring national-touring bands.

Don't forget to take part in the social's winter-themed activities and games or get some holiday shopping done at the Holiday Market.

Lunch with Santa

Calling all children of Grosse Pointe Park! Santa Claus will be in your neighborhood on Saturday, Dec. 5, for

a special lunch!

Attendees receive a Christmas ornament, coloring book and crayons. But most exciting of all, they get to visit with Santa.

Each lunch is limited to 25 children.



Paws with Claus

Lunch times are 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Lunch will consist of pizza, chips, Jell-O, cookies, milk and, of course, a candy cane from Santa!

Reservations will be taken until Dec. 4, or until capacity is reached. Admission is \$6 per child and \$5 per attending adult. Please make your

reservations early at the Parks & Recreation Office at Windmill Pointe Park.

And parents, bring your cameras to take photos of this special occasion!

Paws with Claus

Sponsored by City Bark and Harvey Animal Hospital, Paws with Claus on Dec. 5 is the perfect opportunity to let your furry kids meet Santa!

Come get a photo with Santa and your pet at the Village Christmas tree from 3 to 5 p.m.

After you get your photo, make pet ornaments at City Bark.

Park Trolley Ride

Experience the decorations and lights of the Grosse Pointes from the Trolley!

Arrive and depart from Patterson Park parking lot. Show up at 6:15 p.m. to ensure time for a cup of hot chocolate and cookie from the Lindell Lodge before catching the trolley departure time of 6:30 p.m.

Trolley rides will take place Dec. 8, 10 and 12 and cost \$5 per person. Register and pay at the main counter at Grosse Pointe Park's City Hall.

Your mother was right...

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

Wash your hands! It is quite surprising that the single most effective way to prevent the spread of infection is also the most traditional. The evidence is overwhelming that diseases ranging from the common cold to dangerous bacterial infections are prevented just by washing your hands.

“Food poisoning” is also prevented because most food-borne illnesses are caused by microbes hitching a ride on somebody’s hands!

Antimicrobial soaps give little extra protection. Alcohol-based sanitizers work in a pinch. Rub and scrub with enough sanitizer that it does not dry for 30 seconds.

But hand washing must be done correctly to be effective. Washing technique — not the type of soap or using hot water — really is the most important thing. Hand hygiene depends on how completely and vigorously you wash, and then dry, your hands. This is because microbes are physically removed by the washing process.

Here’s the best method: wash vigorously for at least 20 seconds (just sing “Happy Birthday” twice) with plain soap and water — up to your wrists, between your fingers, around/under your nails — and then dry with a clean towel or paper towel.

This simple act — done correctly — will help you stay healthy this cold and flu season — even when you personally care for sick loved ones. Stay well!

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 Tree Lighting Ceremonies

Village Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m.

The City of Grosse Pointe's Village Tree Lighting kicks off the Christmas Season for the Village. This year's theme is "Come to Grosse Pointe to Experience the Christmas Village."

The official lighting of the tree will be at 6 p.m. Additional activities that will fill the night include tree lighting and decor, sponsored by Grosse Pointe Foundation, Christmas carols by Grosse Pointe South Choir, sponsored by the City, free hot chocolate, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Boat Club, free Coney dogs, compliments of Harvard Grill, and warming fires with s'mores, sponsored by the City.

Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2-6:30 p.m.

The Park's annual tree lighting and gift market will take place at Windmill Pointe Park. Lavins Center Gymnasium doors will open for shopping from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Santa will be busy visiting with children at the Lavins Center until he attends the tree lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Guests may also enjoy a holiday performance by Pierce's student choir and hot food and refreshments! The Park Café will be in the McKeever Lounge selling hot dogs, soup, chili, apple cider and chips until 6:30 p.m.



Top, Santa Claus at Woods Aglow; above, Village Tree Lighting Ceremony



Woods Aglow

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m.

The official "flip of the switch" to light the way for Santa Claus, who arrives aboard the city trolley, will take place on the front steps of Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall. Following the presentation of the key to the city, everyone is invited to the Community Center for cookies, hot beverages and carols. Be sure to bring your camera for your visit with Santa!

Grosse Pointe Shores Holiday Tree Lighting

Sunday, Nov. 29, 6 p.m.

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Left, Grosse Pointe Shores Holiday Tree lighting Ceremony

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join the parade

Friends of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade celebrating 10 years

Time flies when you're having fun dreaming up new things for the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. In fact, it was 10 years ago that Santa arrived in his beautiful new sleigh soaring over Grosse Pointe in the 2005 parade, compliments of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

In fact, the idea for Santa's sleigh came from the mouth of a babe, young Sera Stevens, who was watching the 2004 parade with grandparents, John and Betty Stevens, when she asked why Santa and Mrs. Claus were arriving in a horse-drawn wagon. "Ask 'Councilman Grandpa,'" Grandma Betty responded, referring to Grandpa John who was serving on the Grosse Pointe City Council at the time.

Not one to take projects lightly, John Stevens reached out to good friend and automotive design engineer Dick Ruzzin to come up with designs for a new, self-powered Santa's sleigh. To build the sleigh with eight life-size reindeer soaring over to-scale replicas of Grosse Pointe landmarks, Stevens and Ruzzin

sought out Bruce Burton, a defense contractor, and Mike Stapleton at Prop Art, creator of the Joe Louis Arena octopus and other Detroit-area exhibit sculptures.

"If we were doing it today, it would be all electric," Burton says. "Ten years ago, electric vehicles and batteries were not as developed as they are today." Instead, Burton's company, Burttek, incorporated a Bonneville engine in the drivetrain and chassis of Santa's sleigh. Prop Art built the Grosse Pointe "village" part of the float. In 2010, Prop Art added Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer to lead Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen.

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade added several other pieces of rolling stock to the parade over the years, including the Toys for Tots Caboose and the Grosse Pointe Express locomotive and train and the White Christmas Carriage, formerly the Bresser Family sleigh. When not in the parade or on display during the holidays, the equipment is generously stored in municipal facilities in the City,

Park and Woods.

This year, the City shopping district is being dubbed the Grosse Pointe Christmas Village because Santa's Sleigh and the Grosse Pointe Express train will be on display throughout the holidays following the parade. This will also be the third year Santa's Workshop will be located in the Village, Santa's official pre-holiday home. "It all adds to the spirit of holidays," says City Manager Pete Dame, who also sits on the Friends board.

While the Friends have a lot of friends—including board members Bill Demeter, City Councilmen Chris Walsh and Steve Sholty, Vince Muniga and Greg Muliatt, Rich Pozniak, city managers Al Fincham and Dale Krajniak, former Park Mayor Palmer Heenan and Andrew Richner—the guiding force behind the nonprofit organization is Stevens. "John is a modest man," says Sholty, who became friends with Stevens when they served together on city council, "but he does not get near the credit he deserves for starting this from nothing."

And there lies the rub for the future of



Nov. 25, 2011
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Pointe Express
debuts

Nov. 23, 2012
White
Christmas
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Sleigh) debuts

Nov. 29, 2013
Grosse Pointe
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Sept. 25, 2015
Friends of the
Grosse Pointe
Parade look to
disband, pass
on leadership

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Chamber
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the Friends. Stevens and his wife, Betty, are now Florida residents, meaning they are gone six months and one day out of the year. That makes fundraising and organizing the Friends additionally difficult. Cofounder Ruzzin is also getting older, and even longtime supporter Gary Cortner of Talmer Bank is reaching retirement age. In a nutshell, the Friends need some younger friends to carry on the great work they have been doing for a decade now.

The fear is that if someone does not step up to lead the Friends or take over the care and maintenance of the sleigh and train and carriage, the equipment may have to be sold to other communities who jealously covet them for their own parades.

“That would be a shame,” says Cortner.

“It would a tragedy,” adds Sholty.

“A lot of things go on in Grosse Pointe that people take for granted. We need someone to step up. We would love to have it stay in Grosse Pointe.”

Muniga, a fellow automotive designer with Ruzzin, is optimistic. “I think someone will step up,” he says.

“I’m hopeful,” adds Pozniak. “We all want to see someone step forward.”

As do all of Grosse Pointe. ☺

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade can be found at www.gpsanta.com and on Facebook.

Chamber rolls out 40th anniversary parade

Marking the 40th anniversary of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade and its third year as organizer, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce that WDIV Local 4 News anchor Devin Scillian will serve as grand marshal.

“It’s a big anniversary for the parade,” says Scillian, who lives in the Park with his wife, Corey, four children and golden doodle Darby. “And to be the grand marshal for this one is a real honor. And being a Grosse Pointer, it means I’ll be surrounded by friends and familiar faces. I’m just thrilled.”

The theme of this year’s parade is “A Storybook Christmas.”

“Upholding the spirit and traditions of years past, the parade will be filled with all of the spirits, sights and sounds this community tradition brings and one that we look forward to having year after year,” says Jennifer Boettcher, Chamber and Chamber Foundation president.

“Many community efforts have focused

on keeping the parade up and going through the years. The support from the sponsors, participants, volunteers, police and fire departments and city employees allows one of Grosse Pointe’s greatest traditions to continue.”

The Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade was inaugurated the day after Thanksgiving in 1975 by the Village Association.

When the Village merchants association gave way to the Downtown Development Authority in 2012, the Chamber took over the

parade in 2013.

The first parade featured the North and South High School marching bands, “horses” from the Grosse Pointe Theatre’s production *Camelot* and “The Worm,” which was actually a caterpillar with human legs.

The high school marching bands are back, and the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade remains a hometown tradition in Grosse Pointe to this day! ☺



Devin Scillian,
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Fontbonne Auxiliary's 62nd White Christmas Ball

Amy Danna, chair, and Debbie Condino

Fontbonne Auxiliary's annual White Christmas Ball is fast approaching! The annual black tie event will celebrate 62 years of raising thousands of dollars for St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Chairing the Ball this year is Amy Danna of Grosse Pointe Shores. Danna has selected the theme "Heaven and Nature Sing" for this year's event.


The successful "Kick-off" luncheon for this year's White Christmas Ball was held June 30 at the home of Tammy Haney of Grosse Pointe Shores with Maureen Gleason of Grosse Pointe Farms serving as luncheon chair.

Proceeds from White Christmas Ball will be designated for the Child Life Program for pediatric patients and their families at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Amy Danna has been a member of the Auxiliary since 2003 and has served as a board member from 2007 to 2015 as well as Fontbonne president from 2013 to 2015. Danna is excited to be chairing the 62nd

Ball and encourages all to come and enjoy the evening while raising funds for a great cause.

The Ball is set for Friday, Dec. 11 at the Cobo Center, Grand River Ballroom and will feature the Skyline & The Back Street Horns band.

For more information about the event and tickets, please contact Pauline Hemmingsen in the Fontbonne Office at (313) 343-3609 or visit stjohnfontbonne.org. 



Fontbonne Auxiliary White Christmas Ball Kickoff Meeting

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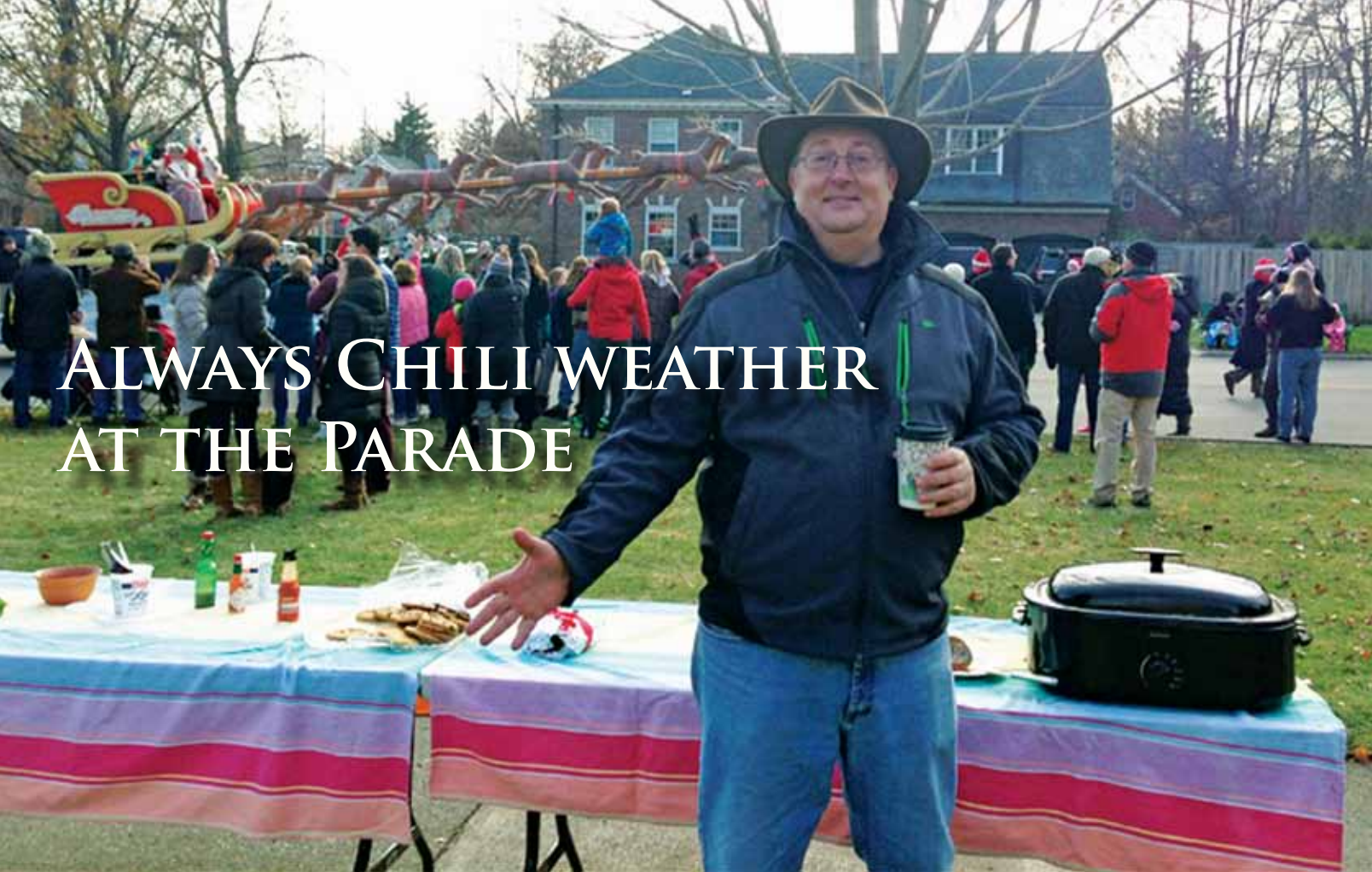
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ALWAYS CHILI WEATHER AT THE PARADE

By Amy Andreou Miller

*I*f Mother Nature serves up chilly weather, then respond by making it chili weather.

That's Greg Hummel's philosophy.

This year marks his 10th anniversary of serving free bowls of homemade chili to attendees of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. The parade, now hosted by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, steps off the morning after Thanksgiving Day heading south down Kercheval Avenue through the Hill and Village shopping districts.

In November 2005, Greg, his wife Kris, and their daughters, Jo and Jenna invited family and a few friends to gather around an outdoor fire pit while watching the parade from their new home that faces Kercheval Avenue on the south side of University. It was especially bitter cold weather. But the eternally optimistic and gregarious Greg thought as the parade marched by his front door, "This is great; the only thing that would make it better would be a bowl of hot chili."

So the next year, he made some. He set up a crock pot on a table in front of his house, and served up bowls of chili to family, friends, and perfect strangers — really anyone who happened to select viewing the parade from an area near his house.

Now, people make the Hummel house a destination. Like Jim and Judy Harbison of St. Clair Shores. "We've marched the past seven years in the parade with our rescue (Golden

Retriever/Golden Doodle) dogs Charlie and Segar, and the first year we accidentally came across his (Hummel's) offer of free chili, we were so grateful. Now, we're hooked. It's become a tradition for us to stop for a bowl," Jim said. "It's always fabulous."

Hummel alternates his offering each year between a red and white chili. This year is slated to be white. The quantity has increased over the years to more than six gallons, he estimates.

"The white bean chicken chili is (former Detroit Free Press Columnist) Bob Talbert's recipe. It seems to be everyone's favorite, but I'm a red guy," Hummel laughs. His red chili sometimes contains venison, sometimes beef tenderloin, sometimes pork . . . and a cadre of diverse spicy peppers.

While the recipes vacillate from year to year, Hummel's preparation process is fixed. "I always begin at 11 p.m. on Wednesday after my wife and I have finished preparing dishes for our Thanksgiving meal. I brown meat or cook chicken. I dice up peppers and onions until after midnight."

The Hummel family are no strangers to extending hospitality to the masses. They're also celebrating the 10th year of hosting "Diesel's Landing" — a perpetual site near the foot of their driveway providing free dog biscuits, they set up in honor of their late and beloved black Labrador Retriever. [Φ](#)



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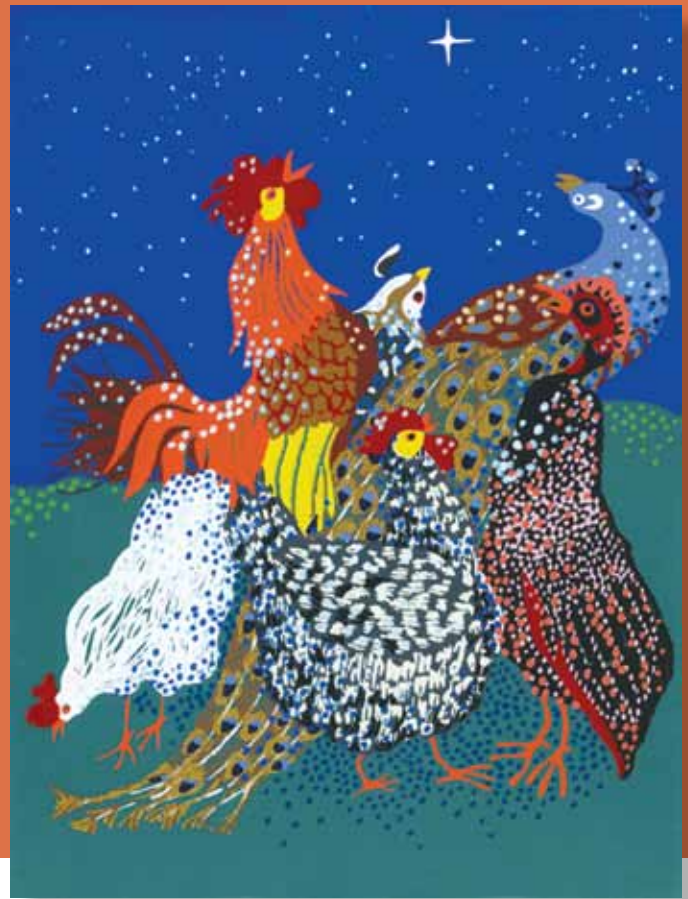
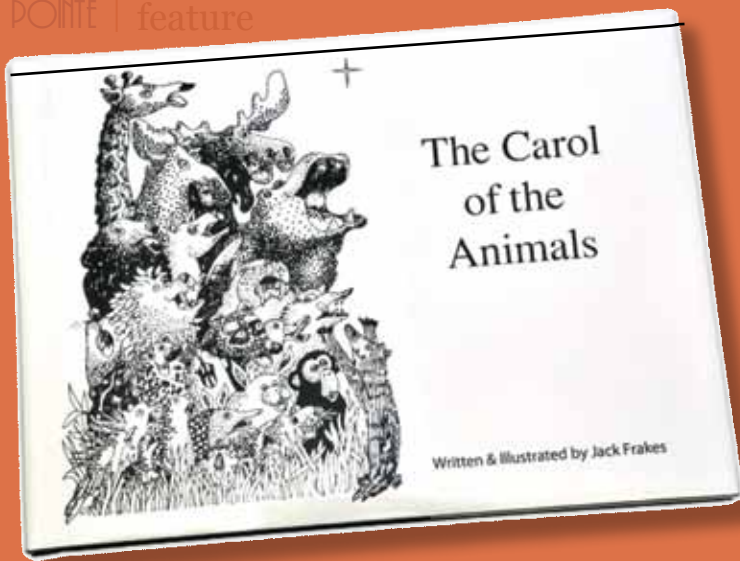
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'The Carol of Animals' offers a new approach to 'Happy Holidays'

By Amy Andreou Miller

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Not waiting for an answer, she begins to leaf through. “These drawings, these rhymes. Adults will like the sense of whimsy and joyful messages. Kids will like the animals and the funny verses,” she adds. “This would make a perfect book for Christmas giving.”

The writer, illustrator and publisher of “The Carol of Animals” likes what she has to say, and he has heard it before. But for Grosse Pointer Jack Frakes, this kind of praise is music he could hear time and again.

His book “The Carol of the Animals,” showcases the Christmas cards he has been making for the lucky people on his mailing list for each of the past 55 years.


Aware that Jack screen-prints the cards — one color, one card at time — most of those on the list have saved them, even framed them and put them on year-round display. Many have suggested a book featuring the cards.

With the help of his son, Drew, a graphic designer, Jack prepared electronic files and sent them off to a printer this summer. Now the retired adman is a book publisher who spends a few afternoons a week visiting specialty bookstores and gift shops.

“It’s encouraging to hear the reactions,” he says. “It is one thing to have my friends and family say nice things, but now the question is will other people find joy in the book as well.”

The illustrations are printed by offset, yet maintain the vibrancy of the original silk-screening. One of his most colorful cards was done in 1995. Titled “Bless those that cackle, cluck and call,” it features six birds competing to be heard through a cacophony.

The riot of 16 colors that make up their energetic bodies straining to deliver their songs engages the viewer so that he/she can almost hear what Jack describes as: “The voices of the birds, from gloriously melodious to raucously squawking.” And, as the writer observes, these birds “epitomize nature’s choir.”

“The Carol of Animals” is currently available at the Grosse Pointe Art Center in the Village, Book Beat in Oak Park, the Yellow Door in Berkley and directly from Frakes at jackfrakes@comcast.net. 



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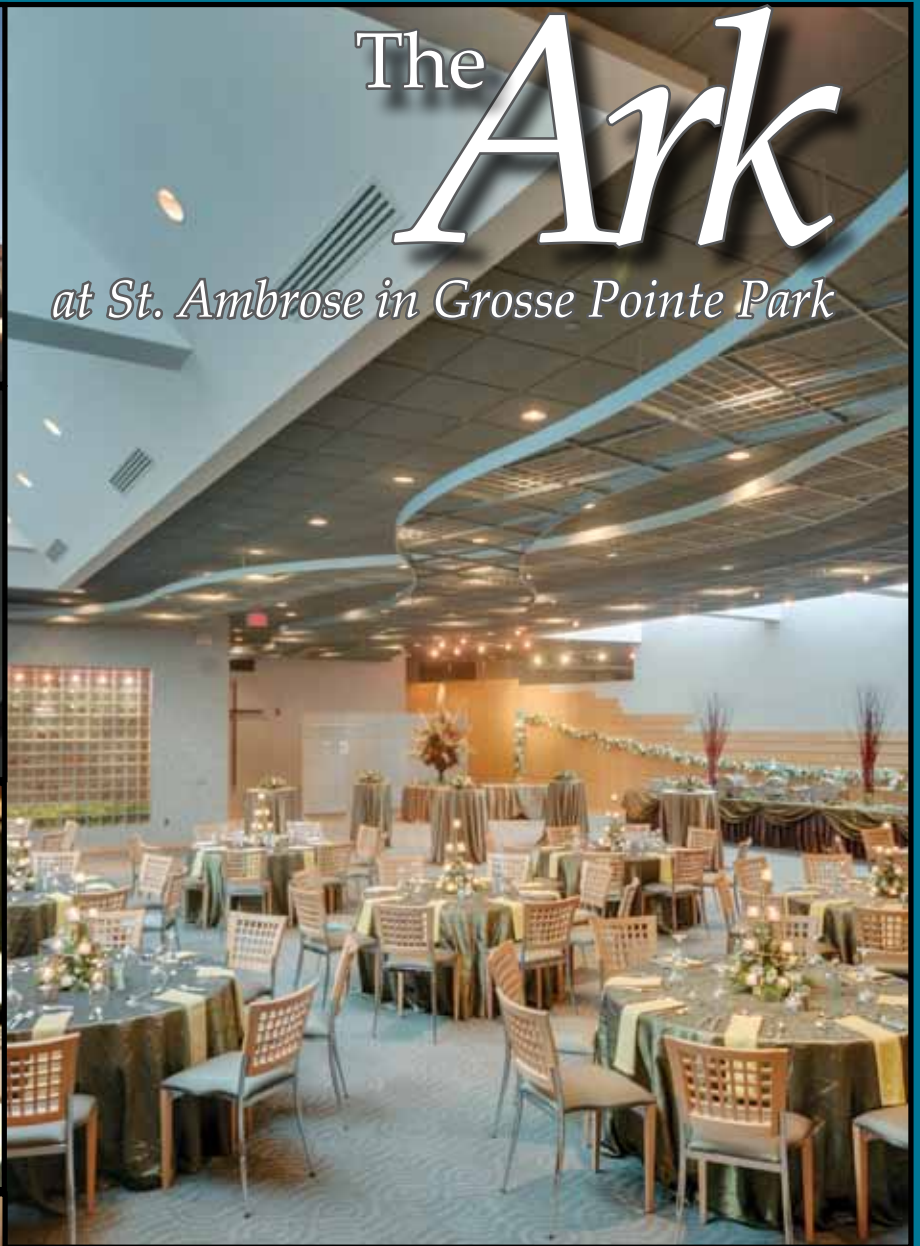
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By Ken Welch

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Art classes

Draw on your senses

By Amy Andreou Miller

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The once-per-month classes are \$6 each; registration is required and can be made by calling (313) 882-9600. The first class is Monday, Nov. 23, from 1 – 2:30 p.m. Materials will be provided.

"All skill levels are encouraged to attend; the sessions are designed to be engaging for beginners to advanced participants," says Deb Miller, SOC's director of communications and fund advancement.

Artist Wood explains, "We will explore a variety of sketching and drawing techniques used to represent what we see. We will also use our senses of touch, smell, taste and hearing to explore how artists represent experiences."

Wood has exhibited his work professionally since 1988. He is a graduate of Cranbrook Academy of Art in Sculpture and Wayne State University in art education. Wood has lectured and presented workshops across the United States and the United Kingdom and is a retired Detroit Public Schools art educator.

Wood, 47, retired last year because he was diagnosed with amnesic disorder and frontotemporal degeneration, a form of Alzheimer's.

Wood's Detroit School colleagues nominated him for



John Wood and Deb Miller

Michigan Art Teacher of the Year. He was selected the winner, and he asked that the award money help fund the supplies for his art classes at SOC.

"John's art classes will be perfect in here," says Miller as she gestures around the beautiful SOC headquarters at Ridge and Muir roads in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Wood says he feels "tremendous responsibility as an artist to help open up pathways for dialogue about issues that impact society, and creating a positive platform for increased wellbeing."

Wood says that gathering with others to create art alleviates isolation. Creating art is an outstanding vehicle for expressing one's thoughts, feelings and emotions.

In addition to SOC officials, Wood's attitude has also attracted the attention of David Reid, professor of midwifery (nursing) at South Yorkshire University in England.


"Dr. Reid works to connect his nursing students in a real way to their dementia patients and their families by having them make art together," Wood says.

Reid hosted a May 2015 art show in England where Wood's aphasia works were selected as the focal point.

Wood is excited about involving others with Reid's next show, to be held in May 2016, titled "Senses," that will connect Grosse Pointe area artists with creative minds in England. Plans are to send to England the artistic work by Grosse Pointers made during Wood's art classes hosted at SOC. Then, not only such Grosse Pointe-made pieces, but also artwork from U.K. artists, will return for a show

June 20 in Grosse Pointe at SOC. This show, titled "The Longest Day," will be a multi-disciplinary art event. Among the performing artists will be Wood's wife, Carol Ambrogio Wood, an exquisite singer and musician.

Just last month, Wood was the keynote speaker for the largest annual fundraiser of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter. The event raised more than \$2 million.

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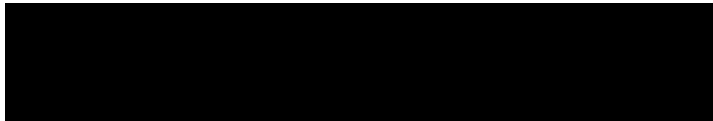
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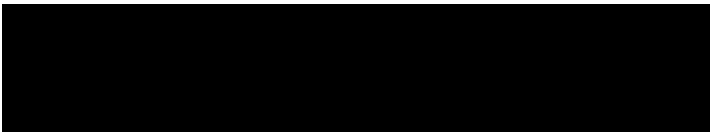
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Hours: Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:30am-3:30pm

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

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

Web: www.dirtydogjazz.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 of 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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BE SURE TO DROP IN FOR SOME HOLIDAY CHEER!


Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm

Web: www.littletonysgp.com



Luxe Bar & Grill

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

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COME IN FOR SOME HOLIDAY CHEER ... AND GREAT FOOD!

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

Web: www.luxebarandgrill.com



RESTAURANT GUIDE

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 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!



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**BE SURE TO STOP IN DURING THE HOLIDAYS
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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. 

DROP IN FOR A BITE AND DRINK DURING THE HOLIDAYS!

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.redcrowningp.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.  

SALVATORE SCALLOPINI'S IS GREAT ANYTIME — BUT ESPECIALLY DURING THE HOLIDAYS!

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; **1/2 off pizza!**
- 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.



FELIZ NAVIDAD AT SIERRA STATION!

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. **Open Sundays at noon for football starting in September!**

Telly's Specials:

- Monday - \$4 Margaritas
- Tuesday - Bar Bingo 9 p.m.-Midnight
WIN drinks & gift cards
- Wednesday - \$5 Specialty Martinis
- Wednesday-Saturday
Live Entertainment

Text tellys to 313131 for offers and updates and a chance to win a \$50 gift card!

Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-Close; Sun 12pm-Close

Web: tellysplace.com



The Current Food & Libations

24026 Jefferson, St Clair Shores • (586) 773-7770

Located on beautiful Lake St Clair, The Current, is an American Fusion restaurant with a Great Lakes Twist! Featured in *Hour Detroit Magazine*, The Current's scratch kitchen focuses on Michigan-made products utilizing quality locally produced items in their recipes. From Eastern Market produce and meats and locally made desserts, to Michigan staples such as Faygo, Better Made potato chips, Michigan is sprinkled throughout the menu. The full service bar features only Michigan craft beers on draft and showcases Michigan's expanding distilling industry by featuring local spirits in specialty cocktails. Whether you are looking for a great lunch experience with a view or a nice dinner by the fireplace or a venue to host your next event, The Current's outstanding menu, coupled with its knowledgeable and friendly staff will be available year-round to accommodate your every need!



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Hours: Dinner: Mon-Thur 4-9pm, Fri 4-10pm, Sat 3-10pm, Sun 3-8pm

Brunch: Sat & Sun 10am-3pm

Web: www.thecurrentrestaurant.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!**



**COME DINE WITH US OVER THE HOLIDAYS IN OUR NEWLY RENOVATED RESTAURANT!
AND DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR OFFICE PARTY AT THE HILL OR AT YOUR PLACE!**

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

Happy Hour: Thurs&Fri 4-7pm

Web: www.rattlesnakedetroit.com



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IRA charitable deductions

By Jon B. Gandelot

Since 2006, Congress has permitted individuals who are over age 70 1/2 to make a charitable distribution from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

The distribution must be made directly from the IRA to the charity. There is a distribution limit of \$100,000. Using this technique generally



is favorable to the taxpayer. An individual, after reaching the "Required Beginning Date" (age 70 1/2) must begin taking IRA distributions and paying the income tax on those distributions. If the participant takes the distribution and donates the funds to a charity (or charities), various tax rules may limit the amount of the charitable income tax deduction.

If, on the other hand, the taxpayer directs the IRA distribution to go from the IRA to the charity, the distribution is not included in the taxpayer's adjusted gross income and the distribution is treated as satisfying at least part of the taxpayer's Required Minimum Distribution for the year. Generally, this creates a better tax result than merely making a cash distribution to a charity.

Unfortunately, Congress has not made this technique permanent. Since 2008, the qualified charitable deduction has been reinstated on an annual basis, often too late for individuals to plan adequately. It seems likely that Congress will reinstate the rule for 2015. We advise individuals to plan accordingly.

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

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Meet Marilyn



Name	Marilyn Catherine Waldmeir
Age	69
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
Occupation before retirement	Homemaker

Marilyn's Favorites

Season
Spring

Book
George and Laura: Portrait of an American Marriage by Christopher Andersen

Movie
Too many wonderful movies to list

Food
Pierogi - I'm Polish

Musical Artist
Celine Dion

Vacation
Annual trips to Puerto Vallarta with my husband and young children

Activity
Meeting new people

Dessert
Creme Brulee

Restaurant
The Old Pontchartrain Wine Cellars

What was your first job?

For many years I worked for Warren Woods Public Schools as assistant to the Superintendent of Elementary Education.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

Teacher or nurse

What is one thing you miss about being a kid?

My mom and dad

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

To Italy with my husband Pete and son Christopher to visit my daughter Lindsey who was studying abroad.

Are you a collector of anything?

Fine jewelry and dogs. I can't live without either.

What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

Two tragedies: John F. Kennedy assassination and 9/11

What's one skill you'd like to learn?

I'd love to be in more control of my computer.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Watching our sons and daughters grow into wonderful and responsible adults!

About Marilyn

Marilyn's free time is spent reading, cooking, baking and volunteering in the gift shop at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

She is grateful for all things in her life, saying "every step of the way has been fun or a learning experience."

Marilyn treasures her many friends who are large part of her life.

She is the mother of two; Lindsey and Christopher and step mother of two; Peter and Patti. Marilyn and husband Pete will soon celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

She says, "This has been my life and my life has been wonderful."

Signs that aging parents need help

By Terri Murphy

The holidays are a time when most people travel to their childhood homes to visit family members and old friends. Visiting with aging relatives during the holidays is especially important as it is also a good time to look for signs that your loved one's needs are changing.



Adult children should be aware of any changes in their parents' attitudes and behavior — changes that are often undetectable over the telephone. There are, however, clear warning signs that some type of intervention is needed.

Here are 10 signs that may indicate your parent needs a little more help at home:

- Spoiled food in the refrigerator

- Poor diet or weight loss
- Unpleasant body odor
- Unexplained bruising
- Difficulty with walking, balance and mobility
- Changes in mood or extreme mood swings
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Remembering the *Edmund Fitz*

By Ted Everingham

The *Lost Mariners Remembrance*, an annual program honoring mariners lost on our Great Lakes, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle.



The evening begins with a lantern vigil at the anchor of the *Edmund Fitzgerald* on the 40th anniversary of her loss during the gales of November on Lake Superior. Marine artist Robert McGreevy will tell the saga of the brave lifesaving crews who patrolled the Great Lakes. There will be a special performance by Great Lakes balladeer Lee Murdoch, and an honor guard will escort a memorial wreath to be laid on the Detroit River.

Seating is limited for this special, moving evening, and the event often sells out, so advanced purchase of tickets is recommended. For more information or to order tickets, go to www.detroithistorical.org.

Earlier in the day (11 a.m.-4 p.m.), you can learn more about the *Edmund Fitzgerald* with special exhibits and presentations about the ship and her tragic last voyage on Nov. 10, 1975. Watch a film covering her 1958 launch at the Great Lakes Engineering Works and a video documenting the recovery of her anchor from the Detroit River. At 1 p.m., Pam Johnson, daughter of the cook aboard the *Fitz* that fatal night, will discuss her relationship with other families of those lost when the *Edmund Fitzgerald* sank.

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

There is much to celebrate this year at The

Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods' signature event with a purpose — HOLLYFEST! Fifteen years of service to the Grosse Pointe and neighboring communities is foremost on the list of reasons along with the organization's recent recognition for Excellence in Nonprofit Activity awarded by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

The annual fundraiser, in its 13th year, has become one of the area's most anticipated events. Silent and live auctions, dinner, dancing and entertainment provided by the Ben Sharkey Quartet are among the festivities hosted at the elegant Grosse Pointe Yacht Club from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20.

At this year's event, The Family Center will honor its strong community partners and celebrate its ability to bring resources together with honorary chairs Donna Hoban, M.D. of Beaumont Hospital-Grosse Pointe; Mary Alice Annecharico of Henry Ford Health System; and Robert Hoban of St. John Providence.

HOLLYFEST not only provides a great opportunity for the community to gather and celebrate the season, but the annual event is also an important lifeline for The Family Center.



HOLLYFEST tickets are available at \$125 per person. Special sponsorship packages, starting at \$250, are also available and include a private VIP reception with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Some of the exciting auction items this year include a family membership to Otsego Ski Club, a week stay at a ranch in Colorado, a weekend for two in San Francisco, a brand new bike from Detroit Bikes and much more!

For more information visit www.familycenterweb.org, email info@familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832. ☎



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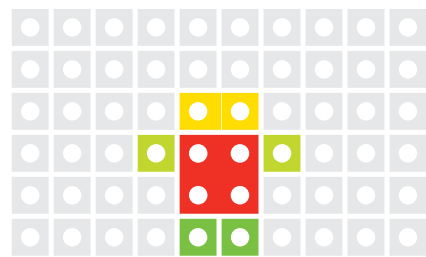
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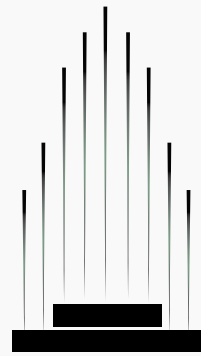


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Meet John

Name	John F. Martin
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I always believed I'd be a globe-trotting photojournalist, but after five years at two different newspapers, a kidney transplant and the death of my mother, my new business was born out of boredom and necessity. Now 90% of my work is commercial in nature with weddings and portraits making up the rest. I am extremely fortunate that every day is different. I can be photographing cars in the morning, a law firm in the afternoon and a high school senior in the evening. Variety is truly the key to my happiness at work.

About John

John and wife Sara have two children, Elena, 7 and Johnny, 3.

Outside of work, John enjoys running and has run in several marathons.

Regarding his life and family, John says, "I am extremely fortunate that my schedule, though unpredictable sometimes, allows me to be more present for my kids. That's something a globe-trotting photojournalist could never have and I am thankful. So, if you'd like to schedule a shoot, be patient, because I have to consult the kids' calendars first."

What was your first job?

Delivering newspapers for the Detroit News when I was 12 years old.

Why did you want to become a photographer?

My father was an avid amateur, so the seed was planted when I was very young. Bob Button and Jack Summers, my photography and journalism instructors at South helped me sow that seed.

What is the best advice you've received?

Find a better way to see the same picture. I use that with or without the camera.

What is the best or most memorable feedback you've ever received?

I have a stack of hand-written notes from clients thanking me for my work. I cherish all of those.

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

I've met and photographed every president since Bill Clinton.

What is your most often used phrase?

My most often-used phrase may not be printable, but my second-most used phrase is "I can make that happen."

If you weren't a photographer what would you be?

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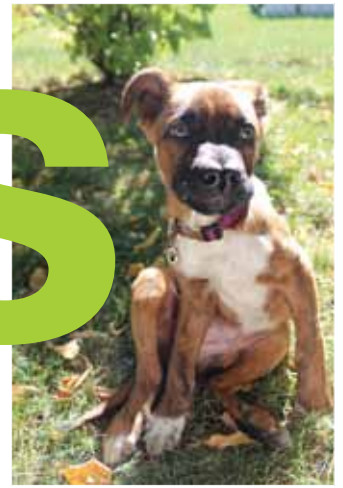
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Archie

Archie is a 7-year-old rescue from London, Ontario. He was rescued from an Amish puppy mill in the area and now has a happy home in Grosse Pointe Park. He has all the characteristics of a pug, but may be a mix.



Scout

This is Scout! He is a Pembroke Welsh Corgi who lives in Grosse Pointe Woods. He is a dream come true for George who asked (begged) for a Corgi for his 9th birthday. George learned dreams do come true.



Owen

Owen is a 2-year-old Golden Retriever of Grosse Pointe Woods. He loves to be cuddled, eat human food and watch the ducks at the lake!



Lewi

Lewi Shimko, a handsome Rottweiler, is a rescue dog adopted 8 years ago by the Shimko family. They call him "Sweet Lewi" because he is so darn lovable, gentle and keeps them laughing every precious day.



Nikita

Nikita is a playful, loving 7-year-old rescue cat, saved by the Michigan Cat Rescue organization. She enjoys playing "sit up and ask" to get a kitty treat! Nikita is looking forward to celebrating the holidays with the Stuart family of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Holiday dangers

By Dr. Pam Graves

The holidays are always a very busy time of year, and no one wants to end up in urgent care with their pet. At Animal Urgent & Critical Care Center, we typically see and treat a myriad of toxicities and foreign body ingestions, but this number always goes up during the holidays.



Chocolate is one of the more common toxins we receive calls about — it is toxic to dogs, and the darker the chocolate the more toxic it is. Always be sure to not leave chocolate candies on counters or other places your dogs can get to them: Some dogs have even been known to get into wrapped boxes of candy underneath the Christmas tree.

Feeding your pets too much table food, such as turkey, mashed potatoes, latkes and sweet potato pie, can lead to vomiting, diarrhea and possibly pancreatitis. Pancreatitis causes abdominal pain, vomiting and diarrhea, and can be a life-long health issue. Bones from the turkey carcass or ham can lead to intestinal obstruction, so be sure your dog does not have access to the trash bins as well.

String wrapping on presents and tinsel on trees can be fun but very dangerous toys for cats. They will commonly eat them and become lodged in the intestines, requiring surgery. Cats may also enjoy chewing on holiday lights, which can not only lead to electrocution, but can also cause a fire in your home.

With a little bit of prevention, we can make sure that we and our pets have a safe and happy holiday season.

Dr. Pam Graves is a graduate of Michigan State University. She joined the Animal Urgent & Critical Care Center in 2015.

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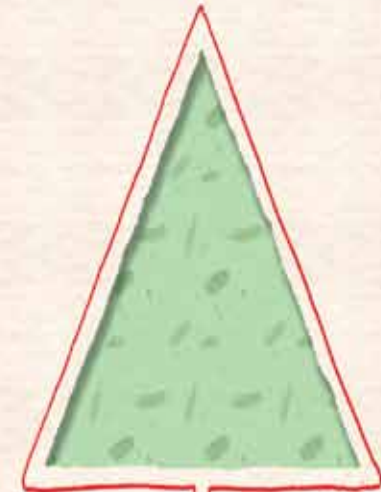
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Happy 70th birthday!

By Lina Bowman

If your birthday was before July 1, then this is the year you've turned 70 1/2. This means that now you are required to start taking distributions from your retirement accounts, otherwise known as Required Minimum Distributions or RMDs. You can always withdraw more than the minimum amount from your IRA or plan in any year, but if you withdraw less than the required minimum, you will be subject to a hefty federal tax penalty of 50 percent of the amount that should have been distributed.



Of course, you do have the option of delaying your first distribution until April 1 following the calendar year in which you reach age 70 1/2. But your second distribution is still required in the same year. Receiving your first and second RMD in the same year may not be in your best interest as it will increase your taxable income for the year, potentially resulting in more federal and state taxes and possibly a higher Medicare premium as well. So the decision of whether to delay your first required distribution can be important, and should be based on your personal tax situation.

In order to handle RMDs effectively, an understanding of the many rules can be beneficial. For more information regarding RMDs and how they're calculated, the aggregation rules, and how you can potentially avoid six common errors, contact me at the email or phone number below.

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- Gifts of the Season at the Library, visit Central Library for literary gift ideas, artisan shopping and light refreshments, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at Services for Older Citizens on Ridge Rd., 12-3 p.m.

08 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Enchanted April" at the War Memorial, 2 p.m., also takes place Nov. 12-14, 8 p.m., Nov. 15, 2 p.m., Nov. 19-21, 8 p.m.

10 TUESDAY

- The Art of Healing Performing Arts Series in Bon Secours Chapel, star string quartet, light refreshments, free admission, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- The Family Center presents The College Selection Process: Keeping it Real and Making it Yours in North High School Library, finding the right fit in the college selection process, how to successfully navigate and manage stressors, be proactive and set realistic goals, free admission, 7 p.m.

11 WEDNESDAY - Veterans' Day

- Veterans Day Breakfast and U.S. Naval Academy Women's Glee Club, veterans free and can bring one guest for \$10 for breakfast and performance, free for glee club performance only, must have tickets printed and brought with you, seating begins at 7 a.m.
- Veterans Day at Stahls Automotive Foundation/Museum, 56516 N. Bay Dr., New Baltimore, special exhibit of military items and vehicles, raising funds for Operation Homefront, assisting Michigan veterans, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Veterans Day Event and Luncheon at Services for Older Citizens, if you are a Veteran, please let SOC know when you call to make your reservation, participants are limited to the first 48 who come in or call at (313) 882-9600, reservation deadline is Friday, Nov. 6

12 THURSDAY

- Ardmore Park Place Christmas Open House, 20 percent off on all meals
- League of Women Voters present "Money in Politics" at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 7-9 p.m.
- The Family Center presents The College Selection Process: Keeping it Real and Making it Yours in South High School's Cleminson Hall, finding the right fit in the college selection process, how to successfully navigate and manage stressors, be proactive and set realistic goals, free admission, 7 p.m.

14 SATURDAY

- Junior League of Detroit Designers' Show House Sneak A Peek Weekend at 15500 Windmill Pointe Drive, \$5 admission, see the house before the interior designers transform it, event will also include a Deck the Halls gift area, selling Fresh Green Wreaths and Bows, also Nov. 15, 12-5 p.m.
- Authors to the Pointe at the Ford House, \$30 per person, call (313) 640-4683 for more information, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open House, free admission, 1-4 p.m., and Izzy's Second Saturdays, old fashioned crafting at the Provencal-Weir House, \$15 per member, \$23 per non-member, reservations must be made by Thursday before event at (313) 884-7010, 1-3 p.m.
- The Mystic Poet: An Evening of Mystic Poetry and Music at the War Memorial, Rev. Dr. Alexander Riegel reads mystic poetry to the music of the Russell-Scott Project, cash bar and afterglow to follow, \$15 per person, 8 p.m.

15 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Schools Open House, 2-4 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Chamber Music at the War Memorial, 2:30-5 p.m.
- "Music of the Spheres" at Memorial concert series at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church featuring the 50 voice Lakeshore Chorale and Orchestra, \$10 per person, 7 p.m.

16 MONDAY

- The Art of Healing Performing Arts Series in the Beaumont Hospital Main Lobby, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Trio, free admission, light refreshments, 12-1 p.m.

17 TUESDAY

- GPCC Business After Hours at City Bark, 5:30-7 p.m.
- 12 Principles to Help Your Kids Succeed in Life at the Grosse Pointe Academy Tracy Fieldhouse, free, 7-9 p.m.

18 WEDNESDAY

- Christmas Extravaganza Wine Dinner at Ardmore Place, \$69.50 per person with five course meal, half hour cocktail and hors d'oeuvres party before dinner, 7-10 p.m.

20 FRIDAY

- Village Tree Lighting, free food, caroling, warm fires and s'mores, hot chocolate, and more, 5:30 p.m.
- The Family Center presents Hollyfest at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, \$125 per person, sponsorship opportunities available, 6-11 p.m.
- The Lake House Tree of Memories at Macomb Mall, add your loved one's name to an ornament on the Tree of Memories for \$5 suggested donation and take another ornament home, RSVP at (586) 777-7761, 7-9 p.m.

21 SATURDAY

- Bird Walk at the Ford House with expert guides, \$7 per person, 8-10 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at Services for Older Citizens on Ridge Rd., 12-3 p.m.
- Junior League of Detroit's Designer's Show House Afterglow Gala Party at 15500 Windmill Pointe Drive, entertainment, food, beverages, dancing, \$77 per person, reservations can be made at jldetroit.org
- The Taste at Our Lady Star of the Sea, an evening of beer and wine tasting, food sampling and jazz, casual cocktail attire, cash bar, adults 21 and older only, \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, 6:30 p.m., Catch a Lucky Star drawing at 9:30 p.m.

22 SUNDAY

- The Modern Clara & Robert Schumann Performance at the War Memorial, DSO violinist Hai Xin Wu and guest

December

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composer Zhou Tian, \$25 concert only, \$35 concert and dinner, 6-8 p.m.

- Grosse Pointe Park Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market at Windmill Pointe Park in the Lavins Activity Center Gymnasium, holiday shopping, food vendors and photos with Santa, 2-4 p.m. make your photo reservations early, tree lighting at 6:30 p.m.

24 TUESDAY

- Woods Aglow Tree Lighting, 7 p.m.

26 THURSDAY - Thanksgiving Day

27 FRIDAY

- Lion's Club 18th Annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk at South High School Track, register at: https://www.hugheswareregistrationservices.com/register_for_race/18th-annual-jingle-bell-walk-fun-run, run begins at 9 a.m.
- 40th Annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, for sponsorship and volunteer information, call (313) 881-4722, 10 a.m.
- Post Santa Claus Parade Fun at Central Library! Face painting, mini book sale, door prizes, 11-1 p.m.
- Post Santa Claus Parade Fun at Wood Library! Kids write and mail letters to Santa, see a live reindeer visit outside, as well as a friend from "Frozen," 1-3 p.m.

28 SATURDAY

- Santa's Workshop in the Village, sponsored by St. John Hospital, make holiday cards for children in the hospital, visit Santa, also Dec. 5, 12, 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- West Park Winter Social on Kercheval between Wayburn and Maryland in the Park, free to attend, tree lighting, warming zones, food trucks, heated Winter Ale and Seasonal Spirit tent, national-touring bands, winter-themed activities, Holiday Market, 4-10 p.m.

29 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Shores Lighting of the Village, 6 p.m.

03 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber Holiday Party at Cabbage Patch Saloon, 5:30-7 p.m.

04 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Holiday Social, 1-4 p.m.
- Winter Wonderland at the Ford House, \$10 per person, visit fordhouse.org for information and tickets, also Dec. 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 26, 5-8 p.m.

05 SATURDAY

- Mystic Poet Workshop at the War Memorial, Dr. Riegel facilitates the use of mystic poetry for spiritual teaching and personal introspection, \$15 per person, \$27 including lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Park Lunch with Santa, limited to 25 children per lunch, must make reservations at the Parks & Recreations Office at Windmill Pointe Park by Dec. 4, \$6 per child, \$5 per attending adult, lunches at 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at Services for Older Citizens on Ridge Rd., 12-3 p.m.
- Paws with Claus, sponsored by City Bark and Harvey Animal Hospital, photos with Santa and your pet at the Village Christmas tree, then pet ornament making at City Bark, 3-5 p.m.

06 SUNDAY

- Ford House Tea and Tour, \$35 per person, also Dec. 14 and 17, 3 p.m.
- Girls & Boys Grosse Pointe South Hockey Teams versus the Detroit Red Wings Alumni at Grosse Pointe Community Rink to benefit Grosse Pointe South Hockey programs and Grosse Pointe City Foundation, \$15 pre-game, \$20 at the door, \$15 for afterglow, puck drop at 5 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 7 p.m.

07 MONDAY

- Nutcracker Tea at the Ford House, child-friendly with warm drinks, treats and Santa Claus, \$15 per person, visit fordhouse.org for information and tickets, also Dec. 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 20, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

08 TUESDAY

- The Art of Healing Performing Arts Series in Bon Secours Chapel, Noteworthy A

Capella Holiday Concert, free, light refreshments, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Trolley rides from Patterson Park, \$5 per person, register and pay at Grosse Pointe Park City Hall, also takes place Dec. 10, 12, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

11 FRIDAY

- Fontbonne Auxiliary's White Christmas Ball at Cobo Center, visit stjohnfontbonne.org for more information

12 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at Services for Older Citizens on Ridge Rd., 12-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open House, free admission, 1-4 p.m., and Izzy's Second Saturdays, old fashioned crafting at the Provencal-Weir House, \$15 per member, \$23 per non-member, reservations must be made by Thursday before event at (313) 884-7010, 1-3 p.m.

13 SUNDAY

- The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus 63rd Annual Holiday Concert "Star Light, Star Bright" at First English Lutheran Church, \$12 for adults in advance, \$15 at the door, \$5 for children 12 and under, advance "discount" tickets sold at Moehring-Woods Florist; Do, by hair co; and Posterity: A Gallery, visit www.grossepointecommunitychorus.org or call (313) 882-2482, concert starts at 3:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "White Christmas" at the War Memorial, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., also Dec. 19, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Dec. 20, 2 p.m., Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m.

20 SUNDAY

- "Music of the Spheres" at Memorial concert series at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church presents "The Christmas Story," featuring choir, orchestra and organ, visit www.gpmchurch.org or contact Grosse Pointe Memorial Church at (313) 822-5330, concert begins at 5 p.m.

25 FRIDAY - Christmas Day



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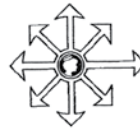

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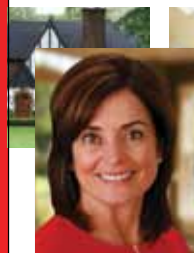
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