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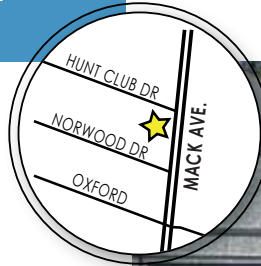
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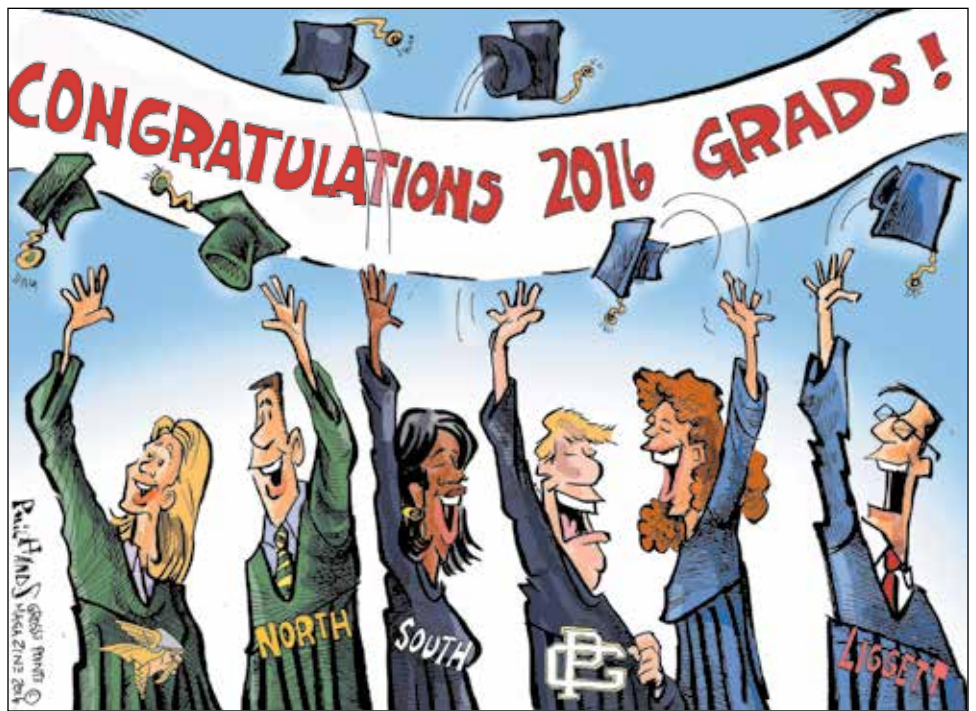
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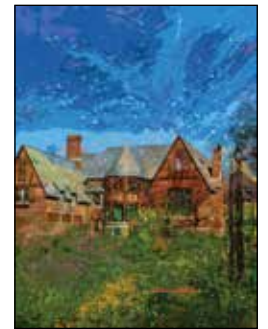
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On the cover

This issue's cover art of the 2016 Designer's Show House was painted by renowned Grosse Pointe Shores artist Dominic Pangborn. Reprints of Dominic's painting will be sold at the Show House, with proceeds benefitting the Junior League of Detroit.



Where in the Pointes?



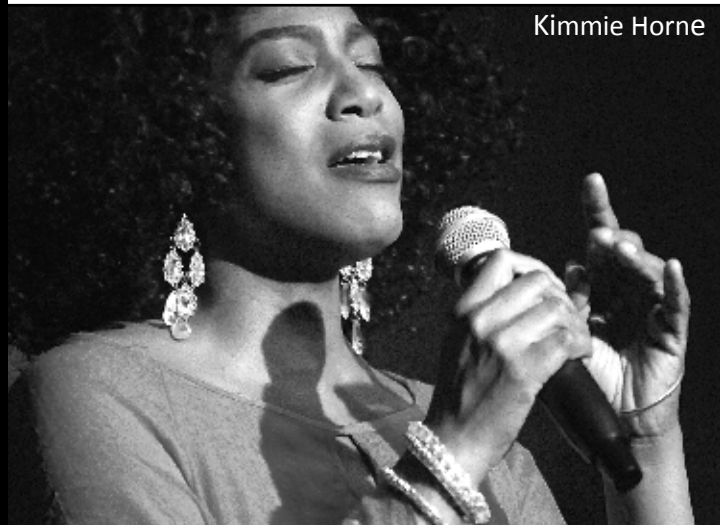
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My, how time flies!

It was far too long ago that we graduated high school. Yet one never forgets the heady excitement and anticipation of things to come on that glorious day. It is a good thing we are not born prescient, knowing what to expect. Getting there — heartache, anguish, joy and fulfillment — is the thing.

Of course, just reading about the accomplishments our Grosse Pointe graduates have already achieved in just less than a score of years is amazing — and humbling. We have no doubt our grads will go on to achieve great things and, hopefully, have some fun along the way. Congratulations, graduates!

I also want to give a shout-out to my good friend Dominic Pangborn, Grosse Pointe Shores’s “Artist in Residence.” Dominic was kind enough to do a painting of this year’s Designers’ Show House to grace the cover of this issue of *Pointe Magazine*. More than that, he also allowed us to get reprints of the painting to be sold at the Show House, with the proceeds to benefit the Junior League of Detroit and all the great things they do.

I first met Dominic 25 years ago when as a young reporter I interviewed him as a “Pointer of Interest.” I was immediately impressed with the Korean-born artist, designer and entrepreneur. Since then, Dominic has continued to make a name for himself in the world of commercial design and art. Indeed, the Pangborn name is known in New York, San Francisco, London, Hong Kong and Tokyo, not to mention Detroit!


Pangborn Design has been located in the Rivertown area of Detroit since the late ’70s, way before Detroit became “cool” again. Now Dominic is planning a new adventure, creating his own museum of art and design in Detroit. Further, he hopes to incubate an “Arts District” in The Villages area of Detroit where young — and veteran — artists can live and work and explore their craft.

Yes, exciting times for Dominic and the city of Detroit. Thank you, Dominic, for the many contributions you make to Grosse Pointe and Detroit, and good luck with all your ventures! Hopefully, we can be of some help along the way.

As I write this — yes, well past deadline — it is my birthday. How old? Well, as my good friend Kim Towar would say, “It’s the 31st anniversary of my 30th birthday!” Not a bad way to put it!

As I look back over the years, writing about the people and organizations in Grosse Pointe, I can’t help but feel proud to be a member of our community.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Pointe Magazine*. Hopefully, you will indeed find in its pages all that is “the best of Grosse Pointe life”!

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Name: **Hunter Hudson** Age: **4** School: **CNCC Preschool** City: **Grosse Pointe Woods**

Parents: **Donielle & Arthur (Sandy)** Siblings: **Landon, 17, and Christian, 15**

Favorite activity: **Hunter loves to play outside, "build construction!" and play with cars, trucks and trains!**

Favorite food: **Pizza**

Cute habit: **Always using his 'manner words,' 'thank you' and 'please'**

Biggest personality trait: **Hunter's smile**

About Hunter *in Mommy and Daddy's words*

As parents, we couldn't be more proud of our son. Hunter wakes up every morning with a big smile, hugs and kisses. His creativity constantly amazes us, building anything that he can, while using such precision. Hunter's passion for anything with wheels attached is fascinating! Adventures, while on our walks, are always one of our favorite things to do. And cuddling while reading stories is the perfect ending to our day. Hunter is a true blessing. Words can't describe how grateful we are to have such a loving, sweet, kind, fun (I could go on!) little boy in our lives!

Meet Alexandra

Name: **Alexandra Lefief** Age: **11** School: **Pierce**

Parents: **Kanon and Jenelle Lefief** Siblings: **Aiden, 9**

Interests: **Swimming, gaming, theatre, sailing, reading, singing**

Favorites

School Subject: **Choir** Food: **Homemade macaroni and cheese**

Outdoor Activity: **Sailing** Vacation: **Costa Rica** Book: **City of Orphans by Avi**

Game: **Family Feud** Family Activity: **Family board game night and vacations**

Who is your hero and why?

My hero is my mom because she speaks her mind and inspires me to be the best I can be.

What do you want to be when you grow up? **A lawyer** What is your favorite thing about going to school? **Hanging out with my friends**



About Alexandra

I am very theatrical and creative. I love to have fun and hang out with my friends. When I grow up I want to make the world a better place for everyone. I am a quick learner and I love to challenge myself!



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GAIL KACHADOURIAN HOWE
Rosaline's Big Dream



The book for little people who dream big!

ILLUSTRATED BY LAURA GRANDE ADAMS

By Sarah Stahl

National Reading Month proved to be the perfect time to debut *Rosaline's Big Dream*, in which Grosse Pointe author Gail Howe and illustrator Laura Adams make their lifelong dreams a reality.

Both say they are “truly passionate about inspiring children to dream big and recognize the power within themselves to make their dreams come true.”

While visiting students at Kerby Elementary, both women offered insight into their personal journey of creating a book, forming their own company, Kadoo LLC, and the importance of realizing dreams. Author Howe began by engaging the students with very enthusiastic questions. “Do you have a dream, but don’t have a clue as how to begin?” “What do you want to be when you grow up?” With eager faces, children raised their hands and questions were answered one by one.

Howe says she loved to write and doodle as a young child, so much so that she became a reporter. But after having children, she realized that she missed her youthful writings of “make believe” and imagination. That’s when *Rosaline’s Big Dream* began.

“Rosaline is a fun-loving, young giraffe who aspires to more than her daily routine at the Georgetown Zoo,” Howe explains. “Her parents foster her creativity and can-do spirit and encourage her to pursue her dreams. Because of her tenacity and support from family and friends, Rosaline never gives up, and her dreams really do come true.”

To bring Rosaline to life, Howe discovered the talents of



Author Gail Howe (seated) and illustrator Laura Adams

Adams, a Grosse Pointe art teacher who taught at Monteith Elementary School. She aspired to one day illustrate children’s books. This would be the beginning of three dreams coming true, Howe the reporter, Adams the art teacher and, yes, Rosaline the fun-loving giraffe.

In the first eight weeks, the pair sold 825 copies of *Rosaline’s Big Dream*. This year, the Grosse Pointe duo started to market their book nationwide, so far featured in local media and interviewed for WDIV’s ClickOnDetroit.

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Meet Jackson



Name	Jackson Walkowiak
Age	17
City	Grosse Pointe Park
School	University Liggett School
Parents	Joli Walkowiak and the late Michael Walkowiak

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About Jackson

Jackson is a three sport athlete, including baseball, basketball and football.

He enjoys hanging out with friends and being active. Hardworking in the classroom, Jackson is a student at University Liggett School.

He has two older sisters, Carly and Summer, and one younger brother, Michael.

What interesting skill do you possess and what would you like to learn?
I can shoot baskets from the top of my house and I would like to learn how to shoot pool.

What song on your iPod would people be surprised by?
"Island in the Sun"

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

1. To shoot like Steph Curry
2. To own a Ferrari
3. To go to one more Tigers game with my dad

Where do you see yourself in five years?

I see myself in my senior year of college, preparing for a job.

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

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Junior Sailing at Crescent

By John Minnis

At Crescent Sail Yacht Club, you won't find a bar, a pool or a bowling alley. But what you will find is a Junior Sailing Program par excellence. While the club does offer College and Adult Learn to Sail Programs, it is Crescent's devotion to Junior Sailing that stands out.

Funded through its own 501(c)3 Crescent Sailing Association, the club has doubled down on its Junior Sailing Program, growing from about three dozen kids a few years ago to a planned 125 young students this summer.

"Crescent has had a Junior Sailing Program for years," says Commodore Tom Srigley. "But a few years ago, they decided to expand."

It is fitting that Junior Sailing is such an important part of Crescent's mission. Just coming off its 80th year in 2013, Crescent was formed in 1933 by a group of young sailors, former Sea Scouts, who wanted a sailing club for those of modest means. Originally located on the Detroit River behind the Naval Armory, the new club was forced to find a new home. They found their benefactor in the person of Packard Motor Car Co. President Henry B. Joy, who built the spit of land off Lake Shore at Kerby Road with fill dirt from his auto plants. He agreed to lease his "peninsula" and boathouse to the upstart club on a one-year trial. Crescent has been on the spit of land to this day, having purchased the land from Helen Newberry Joy upon her husband's death. In fact, the club's new Sailing Center building designed by member Robert Wood was named the Henry B. Joy in his memory.

Crescent remains exclusively a sailing club. Members are required to put in 18 hours of volunteer labor a year. While

slip availability is based on seniority, better ranking can be earned through volunteering, Srigley says.

The five-day, seven-week Junior Sailing Program for youth 8 to 18 years of age begins every summer on the Monday after school is out, says Sailing Director John Walton Jr. Classes range from morning Recreational and full-day Racing Opti Sailing for the younger kids to afternoon Recreational Flying Scot Sailing for intermediates to full-day 420 and Laser Racing for the older, more advanced students. More than half the kids (60 percent) go into the racing programs, Walton says.

"Kids who learn to sail here are very successful," says Walton. "The measure of our success, is if kids continue sailing after they become adults." Based on the club's longevity and reputation in sailing circles, Crescent is succeeding at all levels. ☺

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After much consideration, we are pleased to welcome Hannah Connors, William McNelis, Alexander Minanov, Anushri Subramaniam, Marshall Vyletel and Eleanor Withers into the ranks of graduates we honor in each May-June issue.

The minimum requirements for an 'Exceptional Grad' nomination include a 3.75 grade point average, well-rounded extracurricular activities, community service and leadership roles. Each year, our picks far exceed such requirements.

These individuals have served as editors on school newspapers, captained varsity teams, traveled internationally to help others, founded organizations, competed in the arts and so much more. Their hard work has warranted them acceptance into the likes of Cornell University, Brown University and University of Michigan to name a few. We invite you to read about their wide-ranging accomplishments and trust you will be just as awed by them.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

William McNelis

Parents: Phil and Julia McNelis

GPA: 4.33 **ACT:** 32

College: Brown University, where I will also compete on the Varsity Swimming and Diving team

Degree and career path:

I plan to study cognitive neuroscience or some related area as an undergraduate. I then hope to continue my studies in medicine or engineering.



Q&A:

What notable activities did you partake in at North?

Varsity swimming and diving team captain junior and senior year, National Honor Society (NHS) officer, Harbinger Literary Journal editor, Grosse Pointe City park lifeguard, Student Council Senator, Student Association Senator, Norseman K.N.O.T.S. student leader and Club Wolverine diving team, hiked through eight different National Parks, trained for diving at the Bermuda National Sports Center

What community service did you participate in?

I volunteer in the NICU at St. John's Hospital, am on the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade trampoline float, participate in Kids on the Go and volunteer coach middle school diving. I also participate in Strong Boys, volunteer at Summer in the City, regularly tutor students at school and help in community service events as an NHS member.

What are some of your most notable accomplishments?

Two-time All State Diving, AP Scholar with Honors, Modern and Classical Language Award in Spanish

What part of your high school career are you most proud of?

Coaching, tutoring and developing close relationships with a large number of classmates and other community members of many different backgrounds

What has been the biggest benefit of receiving a Grosse Pointe education?

Being constantly supported by a staff and student body that encourages individuality, creative thinking and high aspirations

Who is your greatest inspiration?

My brother has been an amazing role model and source of inspiration throughout my life. He's taught me so much about the importance of trying to be a well-rounded, thoughtful person.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

At the tail end of my postgraduate education, looking to start a career in either neuroscience or engineering, hopefully somewhere abroad.

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Anushri Subramaniam

Parents: Balaji Subramaniam and Chandrika Iyer

GPA: 4.33 **ACT:** 34

College: Cornell University

Degree and career path: A degree in Biology and a minor in English on the pre-med track before going to medical school to become a surgeon



Q&A:

What notable activities did you partake in at North?

Editor-in-Chief of North Pointe, Class of 2016 Student Council Treasurer, National Honor Society, Link Crew, Varsity Tennis (captain), WILLOW, Chinese Studies with Case Western University professor, Classical Piano, Washington Journalism and Media Conference Youth Advisory Board Member, Mental Health Wellness Initiative, Strong Girl, among others

What community service did you participate in?

Volunteer at St. John Hospital & Medical Center Birthing Ward, manager of boys varsity and JV tennis teams, unpaid intern at Metro Detroit Kidney Associates

What are some of your most notable accomplishments?

AP Scholar with Distinction, Scholar Athlete, Michigan Interscholastic Press Association Awards: First Place for Diversity Coverage, First Place for News Analysis, selected for MIPA's Student Journalist Staff, National Merit Commended Scholar, Michigan Math Prize Competition Finalist

What part of your high school career are you most proud of?

I am most proud of helping establish the first ever Charity Week at North. To raise money for the Jacob Michael Davis Foundation, the class of 2016 set up events ... which culminated in a joint dodgeball tournament with South. Being a part of the two schools working together towards two great causes was beyond rewarding.

What has been the biggest benefit of receiving a Grosse Pointe education?

The Grosse Pointe School System has an incredibly supportive staff that is willing to go to great lengths to help each student learn and grow. They take the time to get to know you, want to help you succeed and truly have your best interest at heart.

Who is your greatest inspiration?

My mom is my greatest role model. She is dedicated, kind and has made every sacrifice possible to give me the best opportunities. I've always looked up to her (not just because I'm short) and her career as a doctor and her passion for helping people has inspired me to follow in her footsteps.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years I hope to have completed medical school and be in the middle of my residency. I would like to be involved with some charity medical programs and be doing research to improve the quality of lives everywhere.

Editor's Pick Exceptional Grads

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Hannah Connors

Parents: Elizabeth and Brian Connors

GPA: 4.2 **ACT:** 35

College: University of Michigan

Degree and career path:

Undeclared, with intention of exploring political science, computer science, film and business before deciding



Q&A:

What notable activities did you partake in at South?

As a South show choir member, performed with the DSO and traveled to France, England and Ireland; The Tower writer and copy editor; ran track through junior year; completed Detroit Free Press marathon with my dad; served as Student Association Senator and Michigan Association of Student Councils Board of Delegates Vice President

What community service did you participate in?

I was president of Sigma Gamma Juniors, which benefits the Detroit Institute for Children. With Apogee Adventures, I spent two weeks dedicated to ecoservice in Puerto Rico. I've also volunteered with Summer in the City and in a Chicago soup kitchen and day care with my youth group.

What are some of your most notable accomplishments?

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Youth Pointer of Distinction, Wellesley College Junior Book Award, Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Florence Miller Award, Student Association Kaloger Award for Most Helpful Senator

What part of your high school career are you most proud of?

I am most proud of establishing an Out of the Darkness Campus walk at my school to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. This is a cause I care deeply about and it's been extremely rewarding to feel like I've made a difference, no matter how small.

What has been the biggest benefit of receiving a Grosse Pointe education?

Grosse Pointe schools have cultivated my desire to learn for the sake of learning. My amazing teachers and intelligent classmates challenge me, inspire me and foster my intellectual curiosity in a way I don't think would have happened had I attended a different school.

Who is your greatest inspiration?

My student government adviser Ms. Distelrath, who has shown me what it means to be a leader and a good, kind person, is someone I will always look up to.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Hopefully happy, healthy and doing work that I love. Beyond that, we will just have to see!

Marshall Vyletel

Parents: Leslie and Marshall Vyletel

GPA: 4.1 **ACT:** 33

College: Brown University

Degree and career path:

Chemical/Nuclear Engineering and Economics, so I have a strong background to pursue a position in the business side of a chemical or energy company



Q&A:

What notable activities did you partake in at South?

Competitive hockey player, competitive golfer, avid guitar player, and created a hockey summer camp (for ages six to 10) with two friends

What community service did you participate in?

I enjoy community service opportunities on cleaning and doing my part for the city of Detroit. I also enjoy tutoring and mentoring children in school and sports.

What are some of your most notable accomplishments?

MAC Red All Academic Team - Varsity Golf, AP Scholar, Captain of Detroit Compuware AAA Hockey Club, Academic Hall of Fame at Grosse Pointe South, successfully submitted proposal to CERN as part of GPS Particle Physics club, CEO of the Grosse Pointe South Makerspace, National Honor Society member, 2nd team All State (Varsity Hockey), Academic All State (Varsity Hockey)

What part of your high school career are you most proud of?

I am most proud of leading Grosse Pointe South Makerspace. I was elected CEO at the end of my junior year. We gained control of a room adjacent to the main gym so we could begin raising money to construct with plans approved by the state. The room will have 3D printers, electrical, woodworking and other materials to help students dive into the STEM world with direct application.

What has been the biggest benefit of receiving a Grosse Pointe education?

In Grosse Pointe, all of the opportunity is at your fingertips, and there are countless resources such as the amazing staff, counselors and technology to put yourself in the best position possible for your future.

Who is your greatest inspiration?

Out of all the influential people in my life, my dad is my most consistent and strongest inspiration. He gives me something for which to strive, not only in business, but all of life. Seeing his happiness and the happiness of those around him at work, at home and in life everyday motivates me immensely.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I see myself as the creator of a startup energy company that works to provide safe, low cost and environmentally sound means of producing energy.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Alexander Minanov

Parents: Oktavijan Minanov, Alexia Minanov

GPA: 4.16 **ACT score:** 34

College: Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania

Degree and career path:

I will be receiving a BS in Economics. I will likely choose a concentration in real estate, management or finance, since I hope to work in private equity.



Q&A:

What notable activities did you partake in at Liggett?

Four-year Varsity Hockey (Captain junior and senior year), Four-Year Varsity Lacrosse (Captain junior and senior year)

What are some of your most notable accomplishments?

Liggett Scholar, 2016 Cum Laude, Terrill Newnan Scholar, Class Day 2014 - Jeanette M. Liggett History Award, Class Day 2013 - Athletic Award, National French Contest Level 2 Bronze Medal, 2015 Pleasant Lake Counselor, 2015 Class Day - Harvard Book Award

What part of your high school career are you most proud of?

Being captain of the Liggett hockey and lacrosse team both junior and senior year

What has been the biggest benefit of a Grosse Pointe education?

The Grosse Pointe community is just very supportive and close knit. Having most of my friends and family close by made my high school experience less stressful and much more enjoyable.

What was the greatest challenge you undertook during high school?

I took Honors Chemistry and Honors U.S. History sophomore year and both those classes were particularly difficult for me. I had to study extensively.

Who is your greatest inspiration?

My dad and uncle are my biggest inspirations. They were both born in Macedonia and immigrated to the United States at a young age. They grew up in a small house in St. Clair Shores with a single mom, who was barely home due to the fact that she was working multiple jobs to put food on the table. They both worked incredibly hard and achieved their dreams of becoming successful cardiothoracic surgeons.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Hopefully I'll be living in New York or London and will be analyzing the investment potential of different companies for a private equity firm.

Eleanor Withers

Parents: Brian and Nicole Withers

GPA: 4.13 **ACT score:** 34

College: LSA Honors Program at University of Michigan

Degree and career path:

Undecided. I could see myself as anything from a doctor to a mountain guide!



Q&A:

What notable activities did you partake in at Liggett?

Four years varsity soccer, three years varsity field hockey, two years varsity ice hockey

What community service did you participate in?

I worked with Suite Dreams, an organization that helps sick children by redoing their bedrooms to aid in their rest and recovery. I also worked with Special Dreams Farms, which helps developmentally disabled adults (farmers) perform meaningful work and gain confidence. I was also one of the vice presidents of the Liggett Service Core, which is responsible for coordinating donations and service outings.

What are some of your most notable accomplishments?

Liggett Merit Scholar, Thelma Fox Murray Scholarship, Terrill Newnan Award, Cum Laude Society

What part of your high school career are you most proud of?

I'm most proud that I was selected as a Liggett Merit Scholar and that I was able to attend such a quality school that gave me an amazing educational experience.

What was the greatest challenge you undertook during high school?

Going to Swiss Semester as a sophomore without knowing anyone. I took a leap of faith and did something that I knew I would love, despite the fact that it meant I would miss out on what was happening at home. The program was a challenge academically and physically (I hiked over 20 miles in a single day and did a helicopter assisted ice climb), and having lost luggage for the first few weeks didn't make it any easier.

Who is your greatest inspiration?

My sister is my greatest inspiration. She's always been such a good example and someone that I can look up to. I can't wait to follow in her footsteps and be with her next year at U of M.

What advice would you give high school students?

Take advantage of every opportunity that you can; don't avoid doing something out of fear because the best experiences and memories usually come from times when you aren't completely comfortable.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I could see myself in a different country. I love traveling and don't think it's a passion that I will forget about anytime soon.

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El's Boutique owner Ellen Durand looks on as LunaTech's Lindsay McCosh, a Google-Trusted Photographer, explains shooting a virtual 360-degree Spin Tour.

Take a 'spin tour' of El's Boutique!

El's Boutique in The Village has just entered the Global Village of the Internet. Now shoppers in Grosse Pointe — or the world — can take a virtual, 360-degree tour of her store from their home or office computer or smart phone.

"I'm a visual person, and the store is a visual entity," says owner Ellen Durand. "So when I saw the spin tour, I thought it was perfect."

The amazing technology is available in Grosse Pointe through a strategic partnership between LunaTech, a Google-Certified Developer, and *Pointe Magazine*.

Most people are familiar with Google Street Views, through which online "pedestrians" can walk up and down nearly any street and view houses and, most importantly, storefronts. LunaTech's spin tours take Google's Street View technology indoors.

Not only does El's have its unique boutique on the ground level, but El's also has an arts-and-crafts and "birthday party" room in the basement.

El's is for "girls of all ages," says Ellen, who opened her own shop 2 1/2 years ago. "I started the concept in the toy store (Village Toy Company) next door and moved in here when it closed."

Her product lines include fashion accessories for women and teens to little girl birthday gifts and baby clothes. "So a mom and a daughter can find things for themselves, whether it's fashion or giftware," Ellen says.

El's basement is a perfect place for girls birthday parties with karaoke and even adult fundraisers. On one occasion women painted wine glasses for a Relay for Life fundraiser. Art classes are held in the basement once a week.

"I'm enjoying being in the retail world after being a teacher," Ellen says, "and I wanted a place where girls can feel comfortable shopping without their moms — and dads — and in a safe environment."

Thanks to LunaTech's Google-approved HD equipment, now everyone anywhere can enjoy El's Boutique.

"People are visual," observes Doug Willett, founder and president of LunaTech. "They remember what they see but forget words."

But be warned. Once you take the virtual tour, you're going to want to visit — and shop — in person!

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COOKING with CHEF ETHAN STEINER *Creamsicle Crepe*



A favorite childhood memory of mine is playing outside with my brothers and friends on a hot summer day. Out of nowhere we would hear the sound of the ice cream truck and chase it down when it turned onto our street. It was a hard decision for me to choose between a bomb pop or a creamsicle. I would usually end up with the creamsicle.

These crepes are classic orange and vanilla and taste just like a creamsicle! Maybe some pleasant childhood memories of carefree summer days will come back to you while enjoying these crepes!

Crepe Batter

Ingredients

- 1 cup** All Purpose flour
- 1 egg**
- 3/4 cup** milk
- 1/2 cup** melted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon** salt

Directions

1. In a mixing bowl, whisk together the flour and the eggs
2. Gradually add in the milk, stirring to combine
3. Add the salt and butter and beat until smooth (if batter is too thick, add water to thin out)
4. Heat a lightly oiled frying pan over medium high heat
5. Pour batter onto griddle using approximately 1/4 cup for each crepe. Tilt the pan with a circular motion so the batter coats the surface evenly
6. Cook the crepe for about 2 min., until the bottom is light brown
7. Loosen with a spatula, turn and cook the other side
8. Serve hot

Foam

Ingredients

- 3 tsp** of Cointreau
- 2 cups** carrot juice
- 4 cups** cream
- 1 tbs** sugar

Directions

1. Whip the cream and sugar
2. Fold in remaining ingredients and set aside

Custard

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups** of whole milk
- 6** large egg yolks
- 2/3 cup** sugar
- 1/3 cup** cornstarch
- 1 tbs** butter
- 1** vanilla bean, split lengthwise

Directions

1. Whisk egg yolks with sugar
2. Add cornstarch and set aside
3. Boil vanilla, butter and milk

4. Whisk in egg mixture
5. Simmer 10 min. (stirring occasionally)
6. Remove from heat and cool
7. Fill the crepe with custard and top with foam

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

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

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By Beth Newhart

Dinner plans just got easier for the week of May 13-22, as the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts its fifth annual Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week.

Over 20 establishments throughout the Grosse Pointes have created special menus for the public during the 10-day stretch. Dan Curis owns Champs Rotisserie & Seafood as well as the Big Boy restaurant, both in Grosse Pointe Woods. He will be offering a four-course menu at Champs for \$24.99, with choices of appetizers; soup, salad or coleslaw; entrees and desserts.

“It’s wonderful for the restaurants in Grosse Pointe,” he says. “It showcases our restaurants and brings in lots of people, lots of first-time customers, too. I look forward to doing it [every year].”

Although everyone has their favorite go-to restaurants, Restaurant Week gives Grosse Pointers an excuse to venture outside their own bubbles and see what they may be missing, only minutes away.

Options for every taste will be on the menu, as everything from fine dining to casual cuisine will be covered. “Grosse Pointe has such a delicious array of restaurants,” says Jennifer Palms Boettcher, president and executive director of the Chamber.

“Restaurant Week is a great opportunity to show off Grosse Pointe’s unique dining experience to the local residents and friends from surrounding communities.”

A list of participating restaurants is available on the Chamber’s website, grossepointechamber.com, and special menus for each restaurant will also be available. But don’t just dine and dash. Check back each day, as new establishments will be added.

Lunch specials will also be offered, and the timing could not be better. Restaurant Week coincides with the Junior League of Detroit’s Designers’ Show House, a stunning Tudor at 15500 Windmill Pointe Drive in Grosse Pointe Park. ☎

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A Celebration of Family

The Family Center completes 15 years of award-winning service to the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods this year. To celebrate this milestone, a special anniversary benefit will be held June 2 at the historic Charles Lambert House in Grosse Pointe Farms.


The gala event, A Celebration of Family, invites attendees to tour this Grosse Pointe Farms gem with its French manor house architecture, unique Pewabic tile features and beautiful gardens while enjoying an evening of strolling dining prepared by renowned Chef Bobby Nahra. Entertainment by the gifted vocalist Kate Patterson.

Current owners, the Rev. Drs. Stephen Butler Murray and Cynthia L. Dawdy, have opened their home for this special event. “We are excited to join the wonderful Grosse Pointe community, having moved here less than two years ago from the Boston area, where we lived in a house from the 1700’s in Salem, Massachusetts,” says Cynthia. “We believe in finding ways to give back to our community, and how better than to share this house, built for the Lambert family in 1927, for a most worthy cause focused on the betterment of families?”

“We are excited to participate in the renaissance and revitalization of Detroit. In investigating the history of our home, we discovered the rich tradition of industrialist and dedicated family man Charles Lambert. His business was part of the fabric of Detroit’s ‘Arsenal of Democracy’ era.

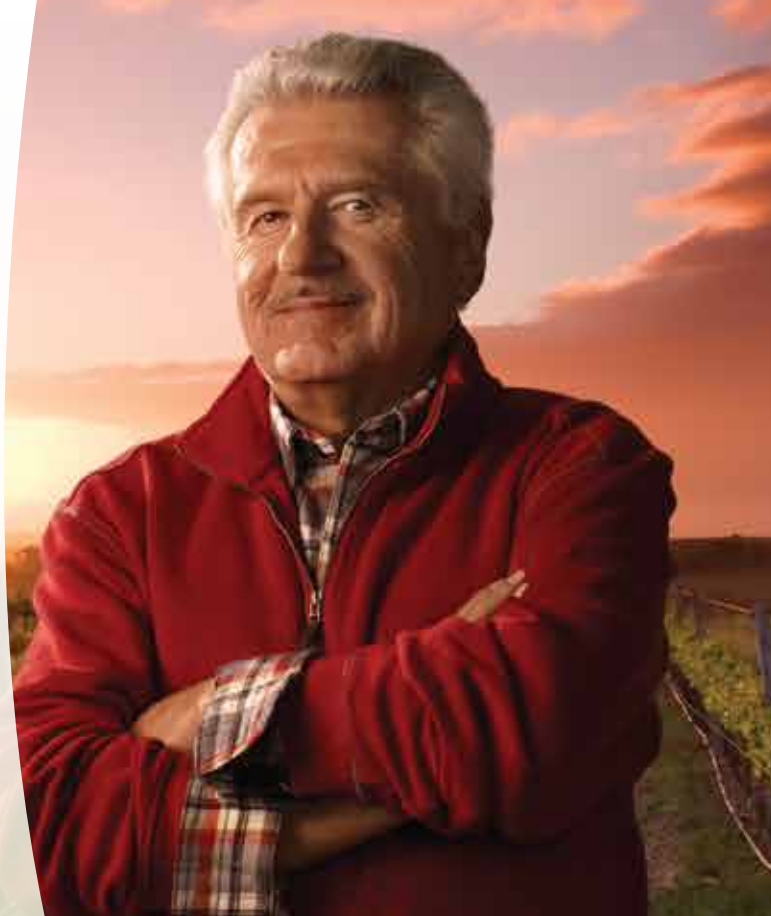
The business continues today in the Louisville area as the Clayton-Lambert Corporation. Part of the joy of preparing for this special 15th anniversary celebration has been getting to know Charles’ daughter, Joan Lambert McPhee, who grew up in this house.”

The Family Center offers resources for families, individuals and professionals through its “Ask the Experts” articles, talks, videos and the Association of Professionals. Articles are written by physicians, educators and therapists, with hundreds online at familycenterweb.org. Talks bring talented speakers who educate and engage audiences in an evening of intensive discussion on a single topic. Videos of many Talks are online at our YouTube channel and aired on the Grosse Pointe War Memorial’s WMTV. The Association of Professionals online directory lists mental health practitioners, specialized services, organizations, senior services, schools, faith community members and businesses. The Family Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that is 100 percent supported by community contributions.

Limited reservations for “A Celebration of Family” are available for \$150 per person. Special sponsorship and VIP levels include a private tour of the home, program listing and tickets. Visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832 for more event information. 

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The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) invites area animal lovers to the 28th annual Mutt March, presented by Sellers Bowman Subaru, on Sunday, June 5, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. This annual walk offers a relaxed and family friendly atmosphere, as participants enjoy a scenic morning stroll of up to five miles on the grounds of the beautiful Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

“The Mutt March plays a huge role in helping the tens of thousands of animals that MHS cares for every year,” says Matthew Pepper, MHS president and CEO. “We invite all animal lovers to enjoy this beautiful walk with their friends, family members and four-legged companions.”

This year’s Mutt March Grand Marshal is Stoney (a.k.a. Hank Azul), who was picked up by the MHS Cruelty Investigation Department when they saw him on the side of the road. He was later adopted by Grosse Pointe Park

residents Martin and Sherilyn Steiger.

Individual walkers and teams can register, set up personalized web pages, and collect donations online. Online registration is not required, but encouraged.

Each walker who raises \$192 — enough to change the life of an animal in need — will receive an official Mutt March T-shirt the day of the event at the check-in tent. Those who raise \$1,200 will become part of the 2016 MHS Best Friends Club and receive a special Best Friends Club T-shirt, their choice of fundraising incentives and a tour of an MHS adoption center. The first 800 four-legged walkers will receive a free Mutt March bandana. To register, visit www.michiganhumane.org/muttmarch. 



Stoney, event Grand Marshal



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Age	26
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
Occupation	Special education teacher

Caroline's Favorites

- Season**
Summer
- Movie**
Forgetting Sarah Marshall
- Music Genre**
Country
- Vacation Spot**
Palm Springs
- Spot in Grosse Pointe**
Lake Shore Drive
- Book**
Eat, Pray, Love
- Website**
Pinterest
- Restaurant**
Terry's Terrace
- Sports Team**
Detroit Tigers
- Food**
Pizza
- Dessert**
Chocolate fudge brownie

What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?
I love going to the parks in Grosse Pointe. I grew up spending lots of time there swimming on the swim team, lifeguarding or just for fun with my family and friends.

What are two of your best personality traits?
I would say caring and creative.

What is the best trip you've ever taken?
I will be going to St. Thomas in June. I am going there to see my cousin get married! I'd like to think this will be the best trip!

What is the best gift you've ever received?
A laptop for college from my family members

What is one thing not many people know about you?
Three years ago I had open heart surgery. This changed my life in many ways. It opened many doors for me and showed me how strong I am as a person. Plus, I now have a cow's heart valve!

You win the million dollar lottery. What do you do?
Pay off my student loans, donate to school systems and various charities and take my parents on a vacation of their choice.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?
Graduating college and getting a teaching job in Grosse Pointe Public Schools

Words to live by?
Always treat people the way you want to be treated.

About Caroline

"I was born and raised in Grosse Pointe. I live with my mom, dad and two dogs.
I am a teacher at Ferry Elementary teaching students with moderately cognitive impairments. This is my first year teaching there and I absolutely love it! I wouldn't want to be teaching anywhere else.
In my spare time I love to make crafts, go boating, swim and spend time with my boyfriend, family and friends."

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MOONLIGHT AT THE MANOR

By Lauren McGregor

At what other annual event can guests explore the house and grounds of the largest privately owned residential lakefront property in the Pointes? It's no surprise that it is this year's annual Grosse Pointe Historical Society summer gala, Moonlight at the Manor, at the Windmill Pointe Drive home of Dr. Clark J. Okulski on Thursday, June 9.

"Once a house has been selected, the gala committee chooses a theme honoring the history of the the house and the area," says GPHS director of education Izzy Donnelly. "The evening emphasizes the importance of community and heritage, and supports the documented history of this fabulous community."

The house's countless features include Pewabic Pottery tiles, elaborate plaster ceilings, wood imported from Europe in the library, a carriage house and iron gate doors in the study.

"It is so magical," event chair Cathy Walker says of the house. "And for such a majestic home, it has an enormously inviting atmosphere."

The house, 15366 Windmill Pointe Drive, was designed for Julian H. Harris in 1925 by William "Buck" Stratton, who was married to Pewabic Pottery founder Mary Chase Perry. The grounds were designed by Ellen Biddle Shipman, hailed as the "dean of female landscape architects." The house next door, built for Julian's brother William, is known to locals as the childhood home of actress Julie Harris.


Upon arrival, historic Hudson Motor Company

automobiles will greet guests in honor of their connection to the house. Owner Julian H. Harris was a partner in the law firm that represented the Hudson Motor Car Company. After Harris's death, his family lived in the house for three years before selling it to A. Edward Barit, President and General Manager of Hudson Motor Car Company. The Barit family lived in the Windmill Pointe home until selling it to current owner Dr. Okulski in 1976. In line with the honoring of Hudson Motor Company and vintage cars, this year's honorary chair is Mrs. William Clay Ford.

Valet parking, docent guided tours of the first floor, a tented party with an open bar, strolling supper by TM Catering and entertainment by the Royal Garden Trio, Jack McCormick and Jeannie Bourget are just a few of the countless luxuries offered to guests.

"Grosse Pointe Historical Society is so grateful for the graciousness of the hosts," says Donnelly. "Without this annual gala, we couldn't accommodate the 300 to 400 requests made per month at the resource center, on anything from photographs to blueprints and more."

"This is the main fundraiser for the historical society," says Walker. "It raises funds to support the resource center's operating costs and the Provencal-Weir House, other events, children's educational programs and more."

This year, guests 29 and under can take advantage of the "Twenty-something Experience" deal which offers tickets at a discounted rate of \$75 each. General admission is \$150 per person. To sponsor or purchase tickets, visit gphs.org. 

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Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe



By Yolanda Turner

Grosse Pointe Rotary invites you to join friends and neighbors Wednesday, June 8, for Cruise for a Cause on the beautiful yacht Infinity. Cruise for a Cause benefits children's charities, an important part of Rotary's annual giving, in our surrounding communities and beyond.

The Infinity is a 117 ft. state-of-the-art yacht designed to deliver the ultimate in comfort, entertainment and attention to detail while sailing Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. Guests will board at Jefferson Beach Marina at 6:30 p.m. for a set-sail time of 7 p.m. – just in time for a magnificent sunset. During the two-hour trip, guests are invited to enjoy a gourmet strolling dinner, full bar and dancing under the stars. The Cruise planning committee promises a night to remember.

Founded in 1937 as a branch of Rotary International, Grosse Pointe Rotary is a strong, participative membership of men and women giving of their time, talent and treasury in innovative ways to enhance the living environment of the Grosse Pointes, the surrounding communities and the

world at large. Rotary's guiding principle is "Service Above Self." The charities supported by Cruise for a Cause include community youth service initiatives, Grosse Pointe/Foreign Youth Exchange, Operation Warm-Coats for Kids, youth entrepreneurial projects, literacy initiatives and scholarships for local youths.

"We are pretty excited about this annual event. Our first cruise was three years ago and requests for tickets have increased each year. It's a lot of fun and the Infinity is an amazing venue. On a beautiful evening in June, this is about as good as it gets," says Grosse Pointe Rotary President Fred Ollison III. "Of course, the best part of the Cruise is the money it raises for Rotary's child-centered charities and projects. We are committed to supporting kids locally as well as around the world. This project provides the means for us to do so much."

Tickets for Cruise for a Cause are \$150 per person. Reservations may be made on the Grosse Pointe Rotary website, www.grossepointerotary.org or by contacting Paul Rentenbach at (313) 300-7747 or prentenbach@comcast.net.





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The Lake Shore Sail Club is comprised of a spirited group of boat owners who enjoy racing as well as post-race gatherings.

'NEW' REGATTA FOR LSSC

By Brian Marshall

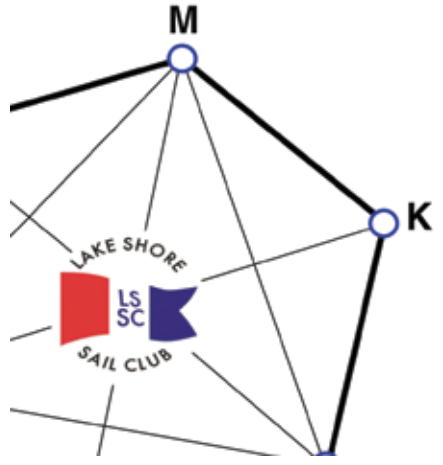
It is the event Lake Shore Sail Club skippers eagerly anticipate throughout the long cold winter. Last year's regatta, however, became a victim of October-in-Michigan's unpredictable and often sailor-unfriendly weather.

"Race day, we faced 35-45 gale-force winds and 35-degree temps. For safety reasons we had to cancel the regatta," says Don King, commodore of the 2016 Lake Shore Sail Club Regatta. "Over the winter we were looking at the racing calendar and found an opening for a summer Saturday, June 11. Wow! A summer date for our regatta."

King is looking at the change of dates for the regatta as a chance to restart the event in its 35th season.

"LSSC is very proud to host our new regatta. There is a great deal of pride in hosting an event that is well organized, well run, well attended and well liked," King said. "Add a great awards party with good food, good drink and good music — there is the making of a tradition."

The race committee believed that the fleet size for a fall race was affected. "The change is good," says LSSC member Bob Schappe, whose boat Spectre docks at Grosse Pointe Yacht



Club. "By then, many people had put their boats away or were distracted by school and football. I think we'll have more people do it now."

Paul Krietsch, a club member from Grosse Pointe Woods, agrees. "In June it's going to offer a better chance to

increase participation. It seems like people are open to the new idea. It would be great if we get 100 boats out."

Another event change is quite dramatic as it deals with who is eligible to compete in the regatta.

"Everyone is challenged to come out and test their skills," King says. "Rather than the four-boat team format, this race is now open to all DRYA registered racers and by invitation to even more. LSSC members will be racing among the dozen fleets and competing for internal club honors too."

The Watermark Bar and Grille will host the regatta party. Flags are awarded to the winning skippers and their crews.

"The Regatta Awards Party after the race offers more excitement as the stories of the day are told among crews and competitors," King says.

"A successful regatta is one when the racers are ready to do it again and again. Then the host club, LSSC is ready to do it again too," King says. "We want it on everyone's schedules." ☐

Photos courtesy of Lake Shore Sail Club



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By John Minnis

Louie and Dino Ropotos, owners of the popular — and successful — Mack Avenue Grille, are quadrupling their floor space. No, they're not expanding into the store next door. Rather, they have just acquired a lease on the former Tin Fish (nee Beach Grill) at Jefferson Beach Marina on the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores.

Their new restaurant, which brother Dino is working diligently to have ready for a late May “soft opening,” will be dubbed the “Watermark Bar and Grille.”

“It just needs a lot of cosmetic work,” Dino says. “This building has good bones.”

The 20,000-square-foot building with massive wooden deck and tiki bar was built in 1997 at a cost of \$6.5 million. After 15 years, the Beach Grill owner retired in 2012. The building was purchased by Jefferson Beach Marina. Tin Fish operated the restaurant/nightclub until last year.

The Ropotos brothers say they heard about the restaurant space's availability during the winter and came to take a look.

“I came here the first week of February, and I looked out (onto the deck and marina) and I thought, “This is fabulous,”” Dino recalls. “I was impressed because even during the winter, people are down here working on their boats.”

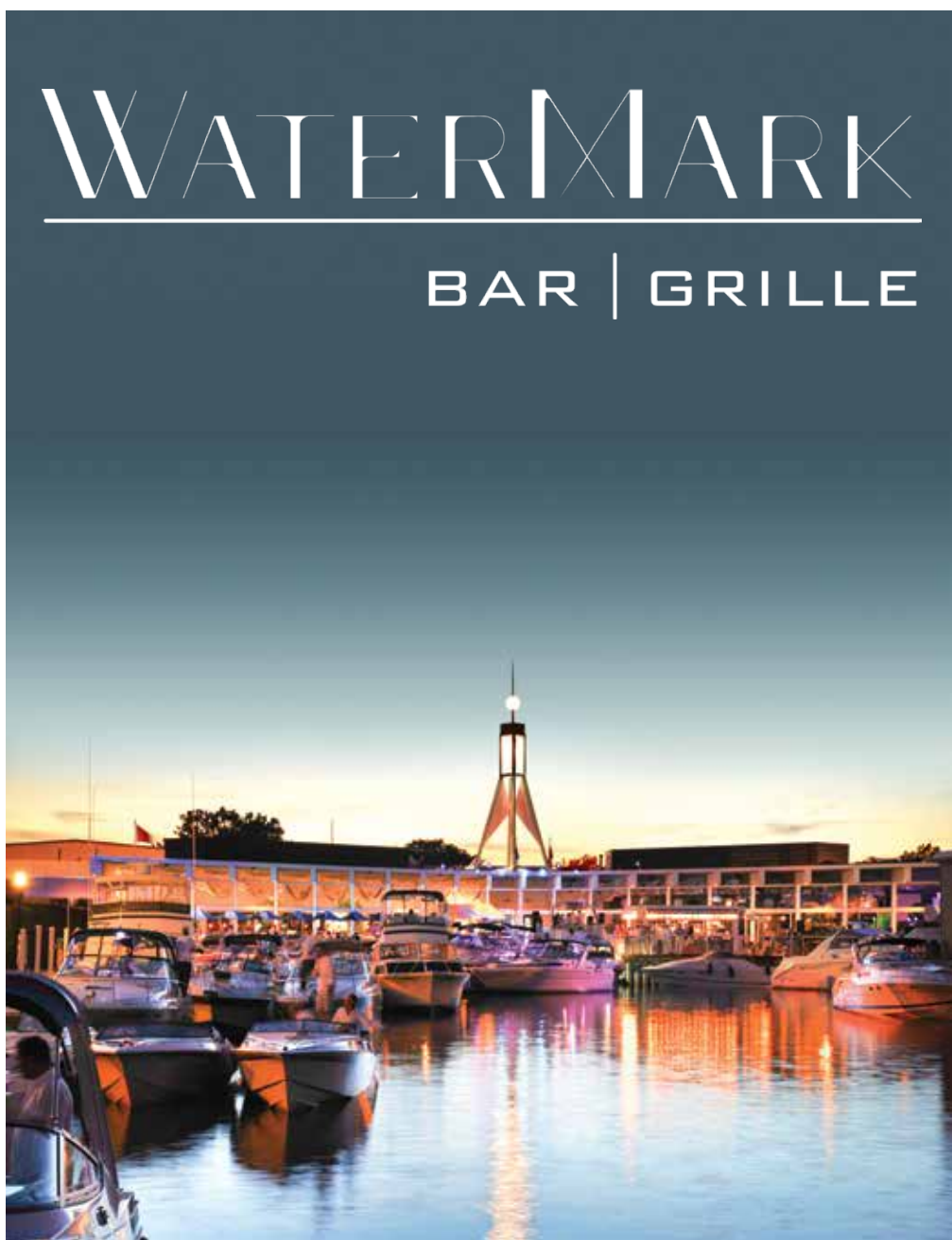
The Ropotoses plan to run a family-friendly bar and grill — a 180-degree opposite of the wild scene prevalent during late night hours under the previous operators. “We grew up in the restaurant business, but not that,” says Louie. “We don't want to go that route,” adds Dino. “We will have good food in a family place.”

The first to go was the massive disco light fixture. Second to go was the peaked thatched roof over the tiki bar that blocked the view. “Now you can see the Nine Mile tower,” Dino points out.

The former glass-walled restaurant space facing the deck and marina to the right of the vestibule will become a banquet room for parties of up 100. The Lake Shore Sail Club has already called dibs on the room for its

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headquarters during its annual Regatta.

The former nightclub space and 40-stool bar will become a year-round restaurant. The menu will include regular menu items, including burgers, salads, a vegetarian option, weekly fresh-fish specials and pizza. “We've got an awesome pizza oven coming in,” Dino says. “We're kicking it up a notch on pizzas.”

The Ropotos brothers say Jefferson Beach Marina has been great to work with. “They're fabulous people,” Louie says, “really good people as owners. We felt they were a good fit for us.”

Jefferson Beach General Manager Semo Post returns the compliment. “They're just what the marina needs,” he says. “There's already buzz about what's going on. They're a great fit for the marina and for the long haul.” [P](#)

Follow Watermark's progress and opening plans on Facebook.



Ted Stahl and Dave McAllister overlook the parts of the superchargers that need to be installed on the Spirit of Stahls cars for the 2013 Great Race.



Mary Stahl lends Dave McAllister, aka "Magic Dave" a hand in installing a supercharger in the 1941 Packard that Dan and Brett Stahl drove last year in the Great Race.

Spirit of Stahls gears up for Great Race 2016

By Karin Bellinghausen

When Ted and Mary Stahl of Grosse Pointe Woods began participating in the Great Race back in 2012, they weren't quite sure what to expect. The Great Race is a precision timed road rally performed in antique cars that tackles scenic routes of more than 2,000 miles in just ten days. However, heading into their fourth Great Race, the Stahl family now has a much better idea of the necessary preparation required to make sure all the cars registered under the Spirit of Stahls team name cross the finish line. "It's a learning-by-doing process," insists Ted Stahl, "and our mantra is Race, Repair, Repeat."

Last year the Great Race route took three Spirit of Stahls teams — along with about 130 other racers — through the scorching heat of Arizona, New Mexico and points along Route 66. "We prepared for intense heat last year, outfitting the cars to prevent vapor lock and making sure the cars had redundant systems. Heat is terrible on coils and we were able to switch to a back up coil with the flick of a switch. It was up to 114 degrees on several days, taking a toll on both cars and drivers," remembers Ted. Preparation paid off for the Spirit of Stahls teams because not everyone finished the race.



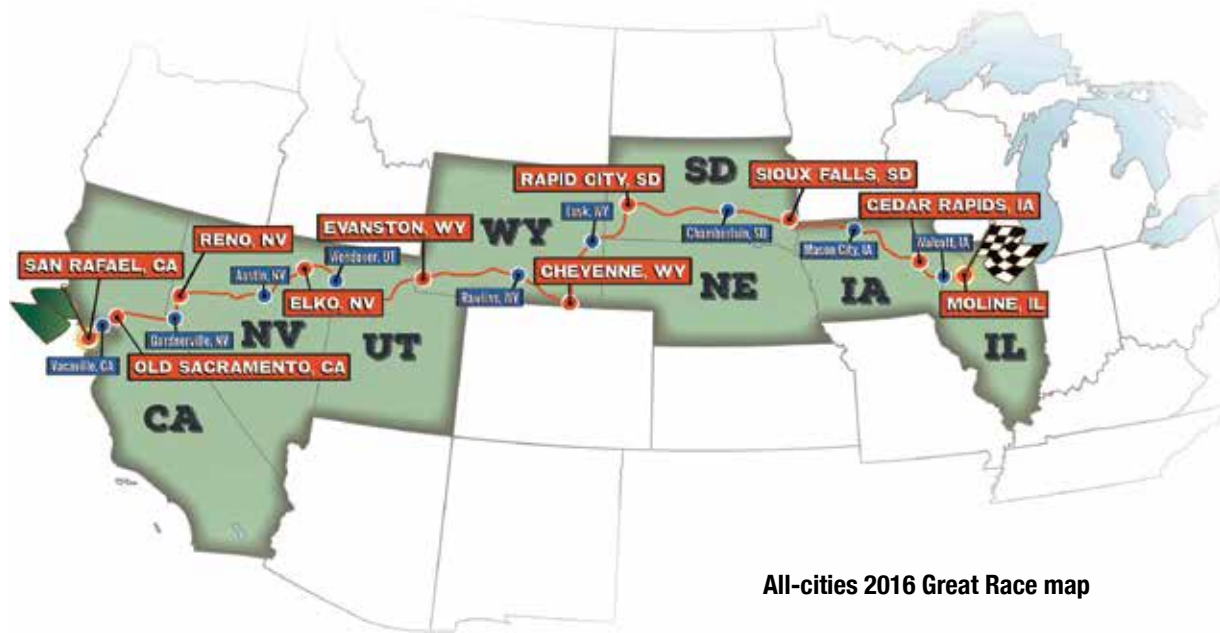
"This year it's all about getting through the mountains and surviving over 2,000 miles of rallying from San Rafael, Calif., to Moline, Ill.," explains Ted. "In our preparation efforts we are going to try to give the cars the power needed to get up the hills and maintain a consistent speed which is crucial in a road rally. It's not about how fast you can go, it's about precision between legs of the journey. If you have to go 43 miles per hour you have to go 43 miles per hour, whether you are climbing a mountain or not."

The 2016 Great Race will lead drivers on the most varied terrain in more than 15 years. With an official start on June 18 just outside of San Francisco, Great Racers will leave the Pacific coastline and travel through California wine country before tackling the Sierra Nevada mountain range. After crossing the rugged middle of Nevada, they will arrive at the world famous Bonneville Salt Flats. Then they head into the Rocky Mountains, savoring the picturesque Black Hills of South Dakota and passing by one of the country's most impressive monuments, Mount Rushmore; as well as the spectacular Badlands. Upon leaving the Badlands, they will cross the Mississippi River to the finish line in Moline. "As you can see," reminds

Ted, “there are a lot of mountain passes we will have to overcome. Which is why we are outfitting the cars with superchargers — to give us the extra horsepower and torque that will be needed to traverse the changes in altitude.”

Ted and Mary rely on “Magic Dave” McAllister — who they call their mechanical guru — to help them prep cars for the race. “Mary and I had the chance to stop in at the garage to lend a hand recently and see the progress he’s been making. And while we are confident that our cars will be well prepared, there are always variables that may come into play along the route. We try to take as many spare parts with us as possible, in anticipation of break downs, and we couldn’t do it without Dave.”

Ted and Mary will be driving a 1967 Pontiac GTO again this year. Sons Brett Stahl and Daniel Stahl are teaming up in the 1941 Packard Coupe that makes its fourth Great Race appearance and Trevor Stahl and Josh Hull —last



All-cities 2016 Great Race map

year’s “Rookie of the Year” winners, return in the “Stars and Stripes,” a 1932 Ford Dirt Track Racer with a very patriotic paint scheme.

For more information on the Great Race, visit GreatRace.com. If you are interested in following the Spirit of Stahls teams during the Great Race 2016, Ted will be posting daily photos and updates on his website, tedstahl.com or on Facebook (The Spirit of Stahls). To learn more about classic cars, visit the Stahl Automotive Museum in Chesterfield.



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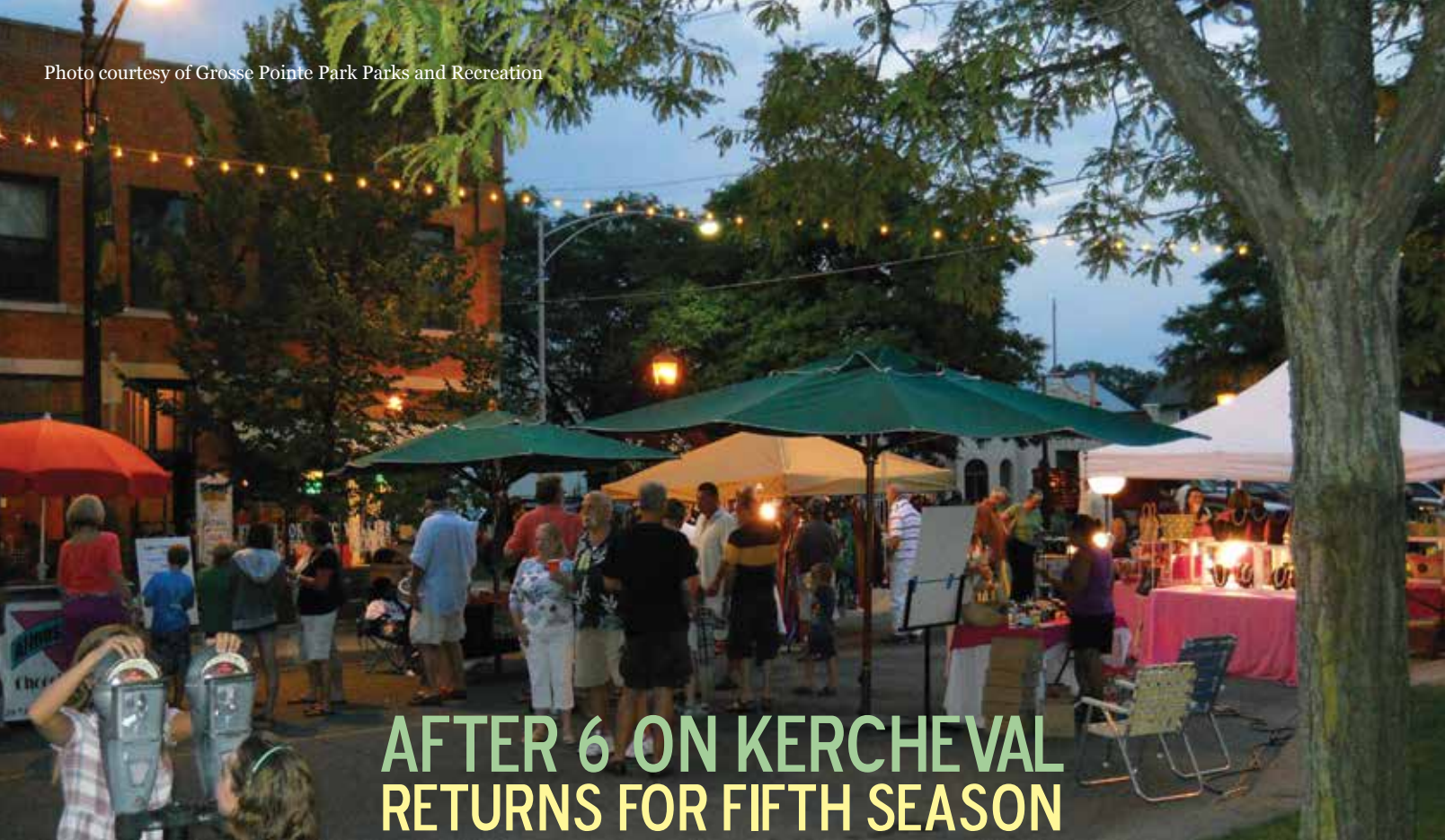
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The street fair blocks vehicle traffic on Kercheval between Nottingham and Maryland, to create a pedestrian-only zone of food trucks, beverage areas, entertainment and special, rotating attractions such as children's inflatables, crafts and local vendors.

"After 6 on Kercheval has become so popular because it is community driven," Grosse Pointe Park Parks and

Recreation Director Terry Solomon explains.

Popular establishments in the area remain open for the event. Atwater in the Park's beer garden, for example, a sign of booming times in the Park, is packed for each event.

Aside from on-street parking, attendees can find additional parking at Defer Middle School or Pierce Elementary School.

"With the resident and neighboring community participation, it is a hub for meeting and enjoying yourself on a nice summer evening," says Solomon.


All are invited to attend the free event. For more information, visit grossepointepark.org. 



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Mike Patton, Tim Sacka, Peggy Murphy Kurza and Ken Gutow at Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores.
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THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK: PICKLEBALL

By Brian Marshall

On just about any weekday at Assumption Cultural Center, pickleballs are thwacked around the gym, mostly by smiling seniors enjoying a unique way to get in some exercise.

That's right, pickleball. Think of the growing sport as shrunken tennis or ping pong on steroids. Either way, pickleball is carving a slice into the recreational sports landscape and the Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores has seen a boom since offering it three years ago.

"It's grown by leaps and bounds," says Ken Gutow, a pickleball instructor at the Center. "You get a lot of play in, so you get a lot of exercise. The court is one third the size of a tennis court. The ball's light, the paddle's light. All you need is a pair of tennis shoes and that's what makes it a great sport."

On a particular Friday, the Cultural Center's three pickleball courts, outlined on the gymnasium floor, are filled with doubles games, players moving easily in small areas.

"Unlike tennis where you're locked

into one (opponent) all the time, there are usually more people involved because we rotate in and out," says Julie Granger of Grosse Pointe Woods. "You play one set, then you come out and four more go in, so you're constantly mixing."

Joan DeRonne, programs administrator at the Cultural Center, says more than 60 players take part in pickleball. Mike Patton is one of the key figures in promoting pickleball at the Cultural Center.

"I see pickleball getting bigger all the time. Last year I went to Ludington, Traverse City, the Dominican Republic, Royal Oak to play pickleball," Patton says. "I think most people see pickleball and say 'I can do that; it looks like fun.'"

It's probably time to address the obvious question. Why is it called pickleball?

The most popular notion seems to be that one of the perceived founders of the game, Barney McCallum, was playing a rudimentary form of the game with his family in Washington State. Their dog kept snatching the

ball and running off. The dog's name? Pickles, of course.

Peggy Murphy Kurza of Grosse Pointe Woods is a program coordinator as well as an ambassador of the sport. She jumped on board three years ago. "It's so addicting," she says. "All people really need is a little hand-eye coordination and anyone can play."

Murphy Kurza has been pleased to see pickleball's appeal spread beyond the senior level.

"It started out as the fastest growing sport for people over 50, but the last two years when I go to national competitions, young people are really getting into it. It's great to see people off the couch and on the court. I would love to see more facilities and courts. We're a little behind," Murphy Kurza says.

Perhaps not for long. Pickleball appears to be around for the duration.

Logo courtesy of United States of America Pickleball Association



Exercise and Alzheimer's

By Ken Welch

The number of people I've come across recently who have aging parents in stages of physical and mental decline has really increased. Those same people tell me they don't want to end up like their parents. Studies from the last few years point to what needs to be done.



Pick your resource: All studies report, "Seniors who keep up with calorie-burning exercise can actually PREVENT the development of Alzheimer's disease."

According to a recent study out of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, researchers studied a pool of 876 volunteers who were 65 and older and found that their energy output after physical activity (measured by the number of calories burned) directly correlated with their amount of gray matter in areas of the brain responsible for memory and thinking. Not only that, they actually saw their brain volumes INCREASE, as measured via brain scan.

"Regular aerobic exercise could be a fountain of youth for the brain," says researcher Laura Baker of the Wake Forest School of Medicine. Levels of tau, a protein associated with Alzheimer's, fell in those who exercised vigorously. They had better blood flow in the memory and processing centers of their brains and had measurable improvement in attention, planning and organizing abilities.

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Because one day of recognition is inadequate, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial is using an entire week of special events to honor our veterans, military service members and their families for Memorial Day. Show your gratitude and support for these heroes by attending the following events.

Day of Service Friday, May 20

Employees and the Board of Directors of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial volunteer their time to work with organizations that support the military and their families — giving back to those who gave so much.

Our Community Salutes Tuesday, May 24

Our Community Salutes (OCS) is a national, non-profit organization created to recognize graduating high school students who are enlisting in the armed services. Honor these courageous young men and women from the Metro Detroit area as they take the oath of office on the back lawn of the War Memorial.

An Evening of Red, White & Blue Thursday, May 26

A truly memorable gala to honor our heroes and raise funds in support of the War Memorial's Patriot Fund, which funds impactful organizations focused on patriotism, honoring and serving veteran causes. Patrons will enjoy an evening of exquisite dining in the lakefront ballroom and the presentation of two awards. The Spirit of Service Award

(Brigadier General Richard Miller) honors an outstanding service member who exemplifies the word "patriotism" — one who has the character or passion of a patriot; devotion, support and defense of country. The Spirit of the Community Award (Toni Murphy, niece of Korean War POW George Grifford) was established to recognize those that best reflect the War Memorial's mission to honor veterans.

A Time of Reflection Friday, May 27

A special, private ceremony for the family of Grosse Pointer George Grifford, a Korean War POW whose remains were recently recovered. Grifford's family is being presented with nine medals that he was awarded posthumously, including the Purple Heart. His remains will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery in June.

Memorial Day Service Monday, May 30, 9:45 a.m.

The week of service and honor culminates in a traditional Memorial Day Service. The moving ceremony takes place on the back lawn of the War Memorial to honor and remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. It is open to the public and attended by hundreds. The event includes a prominent speaker, Brigadier General Richard Miller, reading the names of the fallen soldiers, followed by the tolling of the bell and rifle salute.

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Korean War soldier comes home

By Pete Waldmeir



It's been a long trip back home for George Paul Grifford this Memorial Day. When he left Grosse Pointe Farms to join the U.S. Army in early 1950 he was just another patriotic, energetic 17-year-old high school kid wanting to do something to make the world a better place.

"I was a very young girl," recalls his niece, Toni Murphy, "but I remember my Uncle George as a very kind kid who liked cars and mechanical things and who was very close to his mom. She missed him so much all the years after he went to Korea and just, well, kinda disappeared. She's gone now, but she never gave up hope that someday he'd come home."

One of 16 Grosse Pointe servicemen who gave their lives in the 1950-53 Korean War, Cpl. George Grifford's well-traveled remains are to be interred with honors at Arlington National Cemetery on June 27, preceded by a late May memorial Mass at St. Paul's on the Lake and a War Memorial ceremony where Toni and his relatives will be presented his nine medals, including a Purple Heart and a Presidential Unit Citation, awarded posthumously.

Actually, Cpl. Grifford's story is not all that unique for 1950s warfare casualties. Serving with an 8th Army field artillery battalion in late November 1950 during the battle



for Kunu-Ri in North Korea, he first was listed as MIA, then was traced to a Chinese-run POW camp, where he apparently was tortured, died and was buried in February 1951.

Under terms of the 1953 Korean armistice, during "Operation Glory" thousands of both sides' prisoners and remains were exchanged in 1954. But because identification was so difficult, hundreds of U.S. Army and U.S. Marines casualties were brought to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii and reinterred there while the slow, painstaking task of sorting out identities was begun.

It took years for Cpl. Grifford to make it to the top of the list, but after studying old x-rays, dental records and other information, the Army came up with his positive ID. And finally, after 66 years, Cpl. Grifford's headed home a hero.

"I wish his mom could be here," Toni Murphy says. "But I'm glad we finally can have a memorial service and a War Memorial ceremony to honor him." ☐



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A Teacher for Life

from The Academy to her shop The Wool and the Floss

By Lauren McGregor

Jean Candler always knew she wanted to be a teacher. “My mother and grandmother taught,” she says. “I always knew I’d become a teacher as well.”

Candler became a primary school teacher at The Grosse Pointe Academy in 1969, its very first year.

“I was really lucky to get in on the ground floor of The Academy. We pitched in in every way, waxed floors, shelved materials,” she says. “We shaped the program.”

Lifelong Grosse Pointer Candler and her husband enrolled their three daughters in The Academy. Candler herself had attended the school when it was The Academy of the Sacred

Heart. In 1988, after nearly 20 years of teaching grades one through three, she decided it was time to retire.

“I tried retirement,” she laughs. “That didn’t work.”

So in 1991 she opened shop. The Wool and the Floss, just across the street from Grosse Pointe South, melded two of Candler’s passions: teaching and needle arts.

“It was another challenge,” she explains. “I had the feeling I could do it.” Her feeling was spot on. This year marks the shop’s 25th anniversary.

“I get to share with others what I love,” she says. “This community supports the needle arts.”

The Wool and the Floss is a one stop shop for all things knitting and needlepoint, including Michigan yarn, Michigan artists’ needlepoint canvases, supplies and gifts of all kinds. It also offers classes at every size and level. Group, private, beginner, advanced, the list is endless.

“I just hope to make our customers happy, to find projects that suit their skill levels, interests and needs,” she



says.

Visitors are welcome to drop by and peruse the enormous selection of needle art supplies and gifts or enroll in a class.

“I want it to be people’s home away from home, a place to relax or socialize,” Candler says. “Many don’t realize how needle arts can be very meditative. You can get into a very quiet place, or, if you prefer, it’s also great for coming together. I’ve witnessed many good friendships develop in our classes.”

Visit The Wool and the Floss at 397 Fisher Rd. Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (313) 882-9110 or visit thewoolandthefloss.net.



Left, wool from a Michigan alpaca farm with each skein labeled according to the alpaca (‘Terra,’ ‘Katie’) the yarn came from. Above, needlepoint project and supplies behind it. The shop even carries Grosse Pointe and Detroit themed needlepoint canvases.

HPV vaccine

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

As our high school seniors plan on heading off to college, consider the HPV vaccine if they have not already gotten it. The vaccine, introduced in 2006, is a true breakthrough in cancer prevention.

Cancers have many causes: Skin cancers can be caused by too much sun, lung cancers by smoking and so on. Cervical cancer is caused almost entirely by viruses known as human papilloma viruses, or “HPV.” Warts are also HPV infections.



The vaccine even prevents some warts, particularly those transmitted by sexual activity.

The vaccine is recommended at 11-12 years old so that kids are protected before there is any exposure to the virus and also because the immune response is better at that age. The vaccines are approved up to age 26 for both men and women. It is possible to get the vaccine after that age, but insurances may not cover the cost, and the immune response may not be as robust. Nevertheless, some older women and those with a history of cervical cancer may also benefit from vaccination.

Some of my patients ask about risks from vaccination, or worry that vaccination against this sexually transmitted infection may encourage sexual activity among teens. HPV vaccines neither cause autism nor encourage sexual activity. Like other vaccines, mild flu-like symptoms are the most common side effect and go away by themselves. Also like other vaccines, protection is not perfect — women still need regular Pap smears.

Lastly, the vaccine does not protect against other sexually transmitted diseases.

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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VACATION WITH A MISSION

By Sarah Stahl

During a tropical stay in Roatan, Honduras, we took part in the typical tourist activities: snorkeling, the ‘two for one’ lobster specials, receiving scuba certification and shark dive. But when the sand settled, we were most intrigued by the customs of the Honduran people.

We asked the resort concierge for suggestions on things to do to help us better understand local culture. After recommending zip-lining and the dolphin encounter, he suggested that we visit the Sandy Bay Orphanage. Excitedly, we planned the family excursion.

Twenty children, one to sixteen years old, enjoyed a visit with the “gringos,” a word used by hispanics to refer to North Americans. Our time was filled with hugs, giggles, an art lesson, exploring iPhone pictures and some fingernail painting. With tears of love, we knew that our vacations would never be the same.

That same trip we met a missionary family who invited us to join them on a trip to the Roatan dump. Generations of families live there sifting through garbage for food and recyclable material.

The missionaries offered the children the opportunity to go to school with a new backpack, informing the reluctant parents that their child will also be given a bag of beans and of rice. Not understanding the benefits of education but in great need of food, the parents allowed their children to attend school. These families were able to see God’s love exemplified in this very small but impactful deed. With volunteer spirit and prayer, missionaries hope the cycle of poverty and despair might end.

This trip to Honduras re-prioritised our definition of a family vacation. We explored a beautiful country, discovering new foods, people and culture, realizing it is better to give than to receive. Since our first time to Honduras five years



ago, our annual visits include time spent with the orphans, having dinners with the local fishermen and their families, eating Barracuda and lionfish prepared by the locals and sleepovers with the missionary kids comprised of extreme campouts, hunting crabs and deep sea fishing.

With summer vacations around the corner, look for those special opportunities to become a part of the culture you visit. The experience will mold and influence your family forever. ☐

Clockwise from top left: Noah, William and Brett Stahl deep sea fishing with missionary children ‘The Morins;’ Sarah Stahl at Sandy Bay Lighthouse Orphanage; Giving families who live at the Roatan dump Christmas lunch, gloves to rummage through the dump safely and solar light since they do not have electricity.

USS Detroit

By Ted Everingham

The USS DETROIT, the sixth U.S. Navy ship to be named for the City of Detroit, was built in Marinette, Wis., where she was launched and christened last October. She currently is undergoing an exhaustive series of sea trials before sailing to Detroit for commissioning in front of the Renaissance Center in September.



Cmdr. Michael Desmond, the first commanding officer of USS DETROIT, recently was in Detroit for planning sessions with the Commissioning Committee, meetings with civic and business officials and visits to schools and hospitals. While he was in Detroit, our *Great Lakes Log* team visited with Cmdr. Desmond and a crew member on-camera on the lawn of the War Memorial.

We learned that USS DETROIT is a remarkable, high-tech combat ship. She is propelled by four water jets capable of pumping over 1.9 million gallons of water per minute...enough to fill an Olympic-sized swimming pool in 20 seconds. The ship has a top speed of over 45 knots (54 mph). She can accelerate from 0-40 knots in less than two minutes and go from top speed to a complete stop in less than the length of three football fields.

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We hope to take our TV cameras aboard USS DETROIT in September, when she is berthed at the Renaissance Center for her commissioning ceremony. In the meantime, watch for our Great Lakes Log visit with Cmdr. Desmond on WMTV during May.

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.

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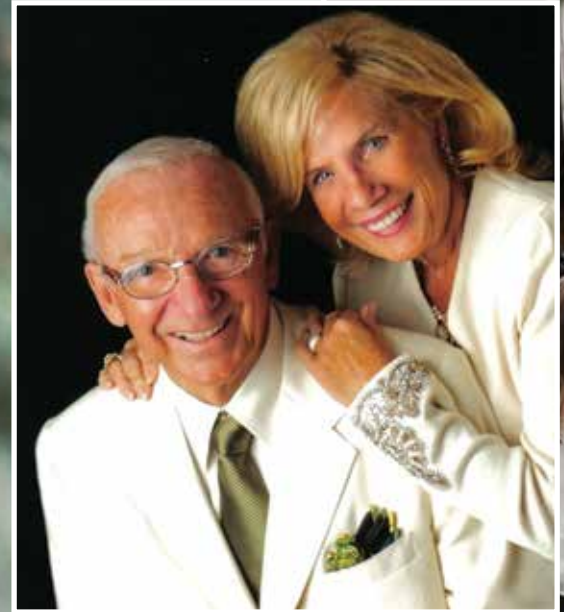
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Chair Dr. David Balle will recognize this year's honorees John and Marlene Boll at the 2016 Legacy on the Lake event.



LEGACY ON THE LAKE

By Beth Newhart

Back when the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House was home to the Ford Family, it was the place in the Grosse Pointes for an evening of fun and celebration, and an invitation to a summer party was an invitation readily accepted.

On June 22, you won't need an invitation in the mail to enjoy a soiree on the lake, as the community is welcome to join the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation at their third Legacy on the Lake.

"The event promises to be a beautiful evening of celebration and friendship," says chair Dr. David Balle. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be followed by a gourmet dinner complemented by fine wine and a tempting dessert. All the while, a full orchestra will perform into the night as all are invited to dance under the stars.


While dinner and dancing are on the menu, the real cause for celebration will be honoring the John and Marlene Boll family. The Bolls will be recognized for their generosity and commitment to the vitality of Grosse Pointe throughout the years.

A veritable "see and be seen," Legacy on the Lake is one of the must-attend events in Grosse Pointe.

"This event provides the perfect venue to socialize and network," says Balle. "More importantly, it allows us to honor both the foundation of the Grosse Pointes as well as the legacy of what the Grosse Pointes can further become through the hard work and philanthropy of committed

citizens such as the Bolls."

Last year's recipient was Edward J. Russell III of the Russell Development Company.

Proceeds from the event will allow the Foundation to help strengthen businesses in the community and bring about more development, thereby enhancing the quality of life for all residents. 

For tickets and information, visit grossepointechamber.com or call (313) 881-4722.

2015 honoree Ed Russell with wife, Marcia.





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Cultivating a safe haven

By Lauren McGregor

Rosann Kovalcik has lived in her Grosse Pointe Woods home since 1981 and has spent every year since making her property a safe haven for birds, bugs and everything in between. She immediately recognized the vital role the oak trees and great eastern cedars in her yard were playing in one of the largest transcontinental movements in the world – bird migration. Birds fed on an abundance of caterpillars in the oaks and sought shelter in her great eastern cedars.

“This area of Michigan is part of a migratory pathway. After learning about the perils that birds face in their migrations from Central and South America, I wanted my yard to be a place where they can refuel for the rest of their journey,” says Kovalcik, who has been a birder since her teens and now owns Wild Birds Unlimited on Mack Ave. “All of eastern North America was once a contiguous forest and as humans settled and cleared the forest, the places where birds could feed and rest became further apart. In addition,

they are faced with new threats to their journey, such as tall buildings, communication towers and wind turbines.”

To create this haven, Kovalcik used leaf litter and planted local, natural plants that thrive without irrigation or use of pesticides. Since making her property all natural, the tally of bird species spotted in her yard rose staggeringly, from 100 to 139. Among them were a Varied Thrush, which spent several months in

Kovalcik’s haven, and two notable species of owl, a Long-eared owl and Boreal owl.

Among the plants in Kovalcik’s yard are those specifically planted for hummingbirds, including *Aquilegia Canadensis* (columbine), *Monarda Fistulosa* (bee balm), *Penstemon Digitalis*, *Penstemon Hirsutus*, *Lobelia Siphilatica* and *Geranium Maculatam*. She also planted a number of shrubs, some to provide fruit in the spring and others in the fall, the two peak migration seasons.

How does Kovalcik maintain this slew of bird, bug and environmentally friendly plants? She details the maintenance of a pesticide-free, irrigation-free, natural yard: “In areas where there are mulched paths, I use a vinegar solution twice a season to keep growth from occurring in those areas. In the fall, I rake leaves from the mulched paths and add them to the rest of the yard, predominantly flower beds, where they act as mulch,” she says. “I leave all of the plants standing in the fall so that the birds can eat the seeds throughout the winter. This dead plant material is also prime nesting material for migrants to use in the spring.”

Kovalcik’s only strip of lawn, which curves around the front flower beds, is mowed with a push mower.

To put it plainly, Kovalcik’s property succeeds in overwintering caterpillars and the eggs of butterflies and moths, provides a source of food for pollinators, and offers food and shelter for birds throughout the seasons – all with no damage to the environment.

“I would love to encourage readers to set aside even a small bed as a safe haven stop-over site for migrant birds as it can truly make a difference in their survival,” Kovalcik says. “We can each play a small part in connecting to each other’s yards and across neighborhoods to give back what had been here before humans impacted it so profoundly.”



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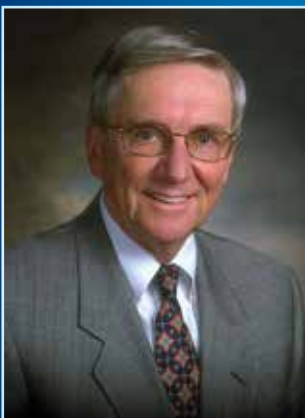
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Garden tour blossoms

By Beth Quinn

Gardeners looking for a little inspiration need look no further than the 25th Annual Grosse Pointe Garden Tour to be held Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25.

The self-guided tour, sponsored by the non-profit Grosse Pointe Garden Center, will provide a rare opportunity to explore eight private gardens throughout Grosse Pointe.

“We work hard to find a wide variety of gardens,” says tour co-chair Ginny Brown. “This year’s gardens are quite diverse – some are large, some are small; some owners do the gardening themselves; others have landscapers; there’s an eco-friendly one and one with unusual hardscape. One has a small tree house that is a painting studio for the owner’s daughter.”

This year marks the first time a Grosse Pointe community park will be part of the tour. The visitors will be able to view Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Municipal Park’s boardwalk along Lake St. Clair.

“It is a fabulous lake walk lined with beds of perennials and beautiful flower containers,” says Brown. “For two days, everyone will be able to take a peak of the park even if they aren’t Shores residents.”

The tour will include the Grosse Pointe War Memorial veterans’ and trial gardens that are supported by the Garden Center. The trial gardens will be displaying flowers planted in classic quilt designs.

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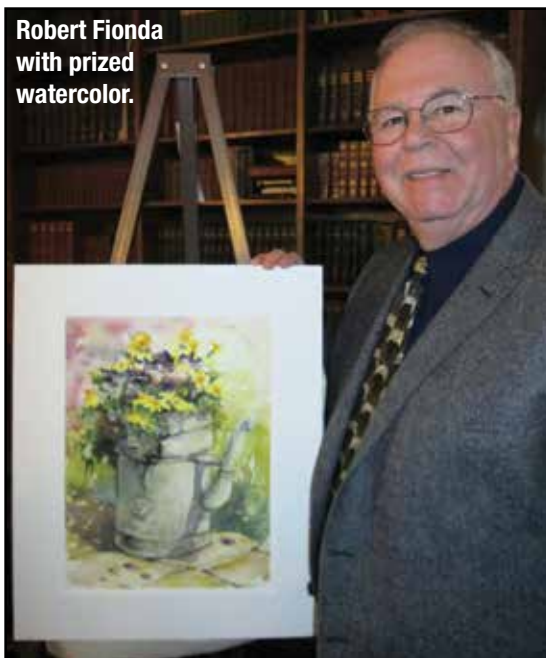
to provide information. At each site, artists will be painting inspired by what they see.

One stop will have a shop where visitors will be able to purchase a variety of garden related merchandise such as potted plants. At another stop, master gardeners will man a desk to help with specific gardening questions.

Tour attendees will have a chance to enter a raffle to win numerous items. First prize will be an original watercolor painting by artist Robert Fionda. All proceeds benefit the education, beautification, horticulture and conservation of the Grosse Pointe community.

Tour hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 each pre-tour and \$20 at the door and will be available at Grosse Pointe area merchants and at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

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Robert Fionda with prized watercolor.

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2016 DESIGNERS' SHOW HOUSE

By Beth Quinn

Twenty metro Detroit interior designers, along with a small army of volunteers, contractors and landscapers, have done a balancing act of preserving the past while presenting the future at the Junior League of Detroit's 2016 Designers' Show House, located at 15500 Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park.

Built in 1927, the 5,000 square-foot English Tudor was originally the home of Packard Motor Car Company's chief engineer, Colonel Jesse G. Vincent and his wife, Clarinda.

Since the Vincents had no children, the house was designed to suit their grown up interests. It had a third floor ballroom, a green house, a Koi pond and a tavern rumored to have been a Prohibition-era speakeasy.

The Vincents built a canal that runs from Lake St. Clair to a dry dock under the living room. Among his 200 inventions, Col. Vincent collaborated with speedboat champion, Gar Wood, to develop engines for powerboats that won numerous Gold Cup races.

The Show House demonstrates the new trends of reusing, repurposing and refurbishing. Instead of buying new kitchen cabinets, the house's original ones have been modernized with a new coat of deep blue paint and updated fixtures. Sixteen cabinet doors now have fronts made of leaded glass taken from the property's original windows.

The estate's boathouse has been transformed into a "Tiny House" demonstrating the revolutionary concept of living well in a very small space.

The JLD will show its tech savvy by replacing docents with self guided audio tours. Visitors with smart phones will be able to download the Show House tour app. Flip board books will be available to visitors without smart phones.

A Preview Party will be held on Friday, May 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. to kick off the 14-day event. Tickets are \$50 each and include a tour of the house as well as appetizers, wine and craft beers.

The JLD will host a "Packard Weekend" May 13 to 15 during which numerous restored Packard vehicles will be displayed. A Packard Prohibition Party will be held on Friday, May 13. Tickets are \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door.

While touring the house, visitors will be able to shop in a marketplace and purchase boxed meals in the tavern.

Proceeds from Show House support the JLD's health and nutrition initiatives to help low-income families in Detroit.


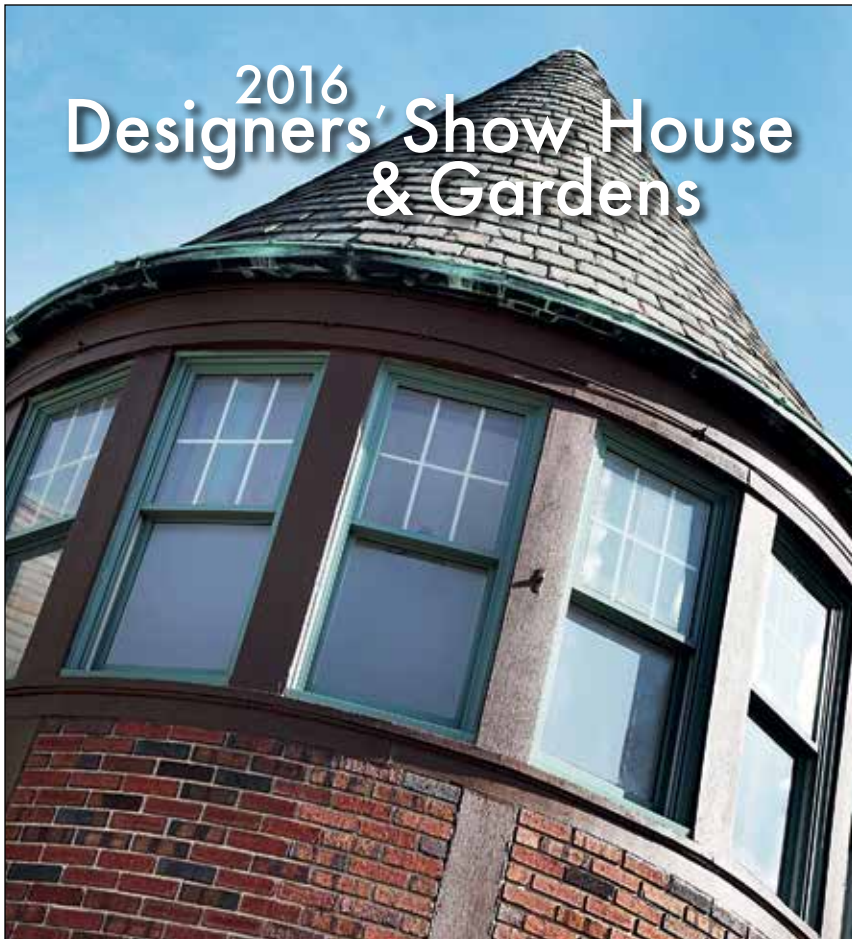
The Show House will be open from Saturday, May 7 to Sunday, May 22. Hours of operation are: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 prior to May 6 and \$25 at the door. Contact the JLD office at (313) 881-0040 or visit jldetroit.org to purchase tickets online and for retail ticket locations. 



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Tickets \$20 prior to May 7; \$25 at the door.

For full details on the house, tours, and tickets please visit jldshowhouse.org or call 313 881 0040

*regrettably, this house is not handicapped accessible



En suite

By John Minnis

Like many empty-nesters entering retirement, James and Dorothy Black wanted a home with a first-floor master bedroom and ensuite master bath — and they wanted to remain in Grosse Pointe with their family and friends. Good luck!

Prior to retirement, the couple raised their family in their home of 31 years on McKinley, a two-story affair with stairs. “Thirty-one years ago, we were in our 30s, so we didn’t give any thought to that,” James says. “So I thought we should do something to be proactive while we’re still in good health.”

Actually, James was the one who wanted to move. Dorothy was content to say in their home on McKinley, but she went along with her husband. Along with their Realtor, the smart couple also brought along their contractor, Steve Makos — the “Man with the Hammer.” They found a Cape Cod built in 1954 that suited their needs on Rivard. “Our first two houses were Cape Cods,” Dorothy says, “so it’s like returning to our roots.”

The home looked like it hadn’t been updated since the ’70s and ’80s. “It was so dated,” Makos admits, “but I saw the potential.” “Steve was with us before we even made an offer on the house,” James says. Adds Dorothy, “Steve made sure it could be done.” “And not break the bank,” Steve concludes.

They ended up converting a downstairs bedroom, bath, hallway and sitting area into an *en suite* with a roomy, walk-in closet and completely new master bath with new tub, shower, sink and toilet. But the work didn’t stop there.

Makos gutted the kitchen, reran the plumbing and electrical and installed new J.W. Morris cabinets, granite counter tops, an island and stainless steel appliances. New hardwood flooring in the kitchen runs into the adjacent dining room for continuity. Even the back family room, added on in 1976, got attention with new built-ins, recessed LED lighting and surround sound. “They built it so all our entertainment hook-ups are hidden,” Dorothy says. Even the powder room off the family room got all new fixtures and flooring.

“Steve did a great job,” Dorothy says. “He employs a wonderful crew of contractors and workmen. We felt very comfortable with everyone.

“It was a traumatic time because during the remodel my mom fell ill and passed away, but she got to see it at Christmas.” The couple moved in just two days before *Pointe Magazine* showed up to take photos. “Last night I looked around,” Dorothy confesses, “and I was happy.” ☺



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Visit 'Dot, Dot,' Seurat on the coast of Lake Michigan

By Virginia Ficarra

Some say they see poetry in my paintings; I see only science," Georges-Pierre Seurat, 1859-1891. Seurat, a Neo-Impressionist artist, sparked numerous interpretations of his works



that conveyed social commentary and was also criticized for being too mathematical. Yet, 'A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte,' is one piece that forever altered the direction of modern art and his reputation as an artist.

Seurat gives us a glimpse of Parisian life with a cast of three dogs, eight boats and 48 people of varying ages and classes, all enjoying a Sunday afternoon in the sun. His masterpiece is 200 cm. in height and 600 cm. in length or approximately, six feet by 19 feet. The use of perspective shows depth in vivid studies of light and shadows mastered with a series of dots called pointillism.

A clever interpretation of this painting has become a tourist attraction nestled on the shores of the Kalamazoo River on the east coast of Lake Michigan. Fact or fiction, the mystery remains unsolved and the controversy continues. It all happened overnight some 28 years ago when the town of Saugatuck/Douglas woke up to a rendition of Seurat's impressionistic grand painting on the community park loo. An unknown person beautified the concrete block structure to blend into the serenity of the waterfront park. Hearsay suggests it took seven gallons of paint to transform the 15-foot by 18-foot grey building into a masterpiece.

Since then, the building has been refreshed as needed by Saugatuck High School art students. Pointillism is the optical intermingling in the spectators' eye, rather than mixing colors together on a pallet. For example, a red dot next to a yellow dot visually blends into orange, thus the further away the picture is viewed the mellower it becomes.



Photos courtesy of Saugatuck Chamber of Commerce

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For several decades the area was known for its lumber mills. Much of its lumber was shipped to Chicago for rebuilding after the Great Fire of 1871. In 1910 a group of Chicago artists established the Summer School of Painting on Ox-Bow Lagoon in Saugatuck. Today the brand is the Art Coast of Michigan with a plethora of galleries and world-class quality items that range from high-style clothing, furniture and crafts to works of noted international painters and sculptures. For all who appreciate artistic endeavors, visit this laid-back community. Where else could you find a masterpiece painted in such a grand way? [P](#)

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Meet Gilbert



Gilbert 'Gil' Gray, seated, with his great grandson Donovan, daughter Diana, wife Mary and granddaughter Tiffany at 1000 Christmas Salutes at Grosse Pointe War Memorial

Name	Gilbert 'Gil' Gray
Age	84
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
Occupation before retirement	English teacher at Pierce Junior High School/Middle School for 36 years

Gil's Favorites

- Season**
Spring
- Book**
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
- Food**
Seafood: stuffed flounder
- Musical Artist**
Sinatra, Pavarotti and Vic Damone
- Vacation**
Cadillac, Mich; northern Michigan
- Activity**
Making things by hand
- Dessert**
Chocolate cake
- Restaurant**
Ticonderoga
- Movie**
A Christmas Story
- Spot in Grosse Pointe**
Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park

- What was your first job?**
Stock boy in a Royal Oak supermarket
- What is one thing you miss about being a kid?**
Being fortunate enough to have the parents we had
- What did you want to be when you were growing up?**
A teacher, surgeon or pilot
- What is the best trip you've ever taken?**
A trip by car to California to see my sister
- What is one thing not many people know about you?**
I have an attraction to glass items and glass art.
- What is the most historical day in your lifetime?**
February 6, 1954, the day my wife Mary and I were married in Heidelberg, Germany while both serving in the U.S. Army
- What's one skill you'd like to learn?**
To successfully perform lifesaving surgery
- What accomplishment are you most proud of?**
Having healthy children, grandchildren and great grandchildren
- What is the best gift you've ever received?**
My Hamilton wrist watch as my 1950 high school graduation gift from my family
- Words to live by?**
Treat others as you would have them treat you.

About Gil

"I think back over the 84 years of my life, and I realize how very fortunate I was to have the events we all experience turn out to be so beneficial to me, and later to all of the members of my family: my childhood and youth, education, military experience [served as corporal in the U.S. Army military police], marriage, teaching career and retirement. I know no strangers, and I enjoy talking with anybody I meet. I especially look forward to meeting fellow veterans and swapping stories. I realize now more than ever before just how interesting other human beings are and how much, directly and/or indirectly, we need each other."

Activities for those with dementia

By Terri Murphy

It is universally recognized that elderly people with dementia lose their short-term memory first and their long-term memory last. For example, they often remember people and events from their earlier years, but have difficulty remembering what they ate for breakfast the day before.



So what do you do with someone who can no longer carry on normal conversations? The short answer is “relax and have fun.” The long answer would require writing an entire book. Here is a short summary of some activities that you can do with your loved one:

1. Reminisce! Everything you do together lends itself to

reminiscing. If a person can still speak fairly well, say, “Tell me about...” If their vocabulary is more limited, you may have to facilitate the story. “Do you remember when...”

2. Read aloud and use visual aids such as memory poems, family pictures, or stories about “the days gone by” to stimulate reminiscences.
3. Make music. Sing, hum, whistle, and dance. Singing brings oxygen to the brain to help you think more clearly. Dancing exercises other parts of the body.

Keeping the mind and body active are important for everyone, but especially your loved one with dementia.

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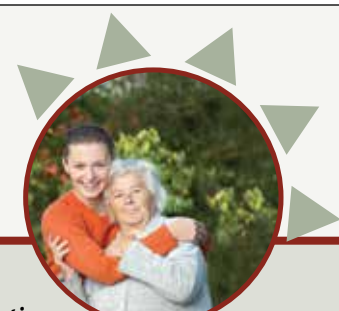
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Lois Chasteen celebrates 103

By Margie Reins-Smith

Lois Chasteen celebrates her 103rd birthday on May 7. She has lived at the same Roslyn Rd. address for 74 years. She and her husband, Dwight, were among the first residents on the street.

“Our mortgage payment was \$40 a month, including insurance and taxes,” she says. “Our house was the model house for the development. It was built in 1939 during the Depression. Roslyn was a mud road with drainage ditches on each side. We had sidewalks, but the back yard was a pile of clay, with woods behind that. Mack Avenue was two lanes. The Milk River was open. The kids called it The Crick.”

Dwight, an electrical engineer, died 11 years ago. Lois ponders why she has lived so long. “My daughter would say it’s because I eat right, but my mother lived to 103.

“I’m a hospice graduate,” she says.

“Two years ago, after six months, hospice released me because I was too healthy.”

Lois worked as a secretary at Dodge Main until she became pregnant with their first child. The 1940s and 50s were decades of stay-at-home mothering. Lois was close with the mothers of her children’s friends and the women of her church, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian. Neighborhood children played outside most days. They went outside in the morning; showed up briefly for lunch; came home again for dinner; then played outside until the street lights went on.

“But there was a grapevine,” she says. “My son, John, says if a child did something bad during the day, his mom knew about it before he got home.”

The Sunday Pearl Harbor was

bombed is vivid in Lois’s memory. “On Monday morning, I went to work and they had already switched to war work, making trucks.”

She remembers the development of the Woods municipal park. “At first it was all high weeds. Some men from the neighborhood cleared the land and created a pool, which was filled with lake water.”

Lois has three children, eight grandchildren, eight great grandchildren (two more are expected soon) and one great great grandchild.

She recently renewed her driver’s license. “But I don’t drive anymore.” She’s a former golfer, skier and bowler and she likes to read.

“I love Grosse Pointe,” she says. “It’s a pleasant place to live. The people are nice. There are things to do. We have a lovely park. It’s safe. The police are prompt and kind.” ☐

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Age	40
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
Occupation	Owner of The Shoe Tree

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About Hillary

“My family is very important to me and is a big part of my life. I am lucky to have three nephews and one niece who all live in Grosse Pointe so I see them often.

When I am not with my family I enjoy spending time with friends, trying new restaurants and traveling when I can.”

What was your first job?

My first full time job was working for Ann Taylor in Chicago.

Why did you want to become owner of The Shoe Tree?

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

I love to knit!

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?

Spend time with my family and friends.

If you weren't owner of The Shoe Tree, what would you be?

Prior to opening The Shoe Tree I worked in Human Resources. I would most likely be doing something related but still dreaming of opening a shoe boutique.

Words to live by?

Life is short, buy the shoes.

Spring cleaning

By Lina Bowman

Spring is in the air, which for many means waking up from hibernation and cleaning out the clutter. But don't forget about clearing the cobwebs from your "financial house," too! Even if you recently took a look at your finances as you prepared for tax season, there still may be some items that could use your attention. Commonly neglected areas include reviewing your credit report and score, revamping your emergency fund, revisiting credit cards, going paperless and doing an overall financial review.



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Do an overall financial review. Take the pulse of all your accounts regularly. This includes reviewing your insurance policies, annuity contracts, retirement plans and educational savings accounts. Are you on track to achieve your goals? Are your investments well diversified for the changing economic environment? Do you need to make adjustments? Are your beneficiary designations up to date? Be sure to discuss any changes in your situation with your financial advisor so that your financial plan is updated accordingly.

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On June 18, Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers will host the 35th annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration, 'Totally 80s,' at Comerica Park to benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Opening at 7:30 p.m., every corner of the park will be filled with live entertainment, 80s tribute bands, 80s icon look-a-likes and rad surprises.

Food and cocktails will be available at The Tiger Club, Pepsi Porch and additional locations throughout the park. A spectacular fireworks display will commence at 10:30 p.m. followed by the raffle.

Over \$30,000 of fine jewelry and timepieces will be raffled at the event, including pieces from Rolex, Roberto Coin, Mikimoto, Ippolita, Ivanka Trump, David Yurman and Tag Heuer. The grand prize includes a Ladies Rolex Datejust watch valued at \$11,650. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each and 100 percent of the proceeds go directly to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen was founded during the Great Depression by Father Solanus Casey. Each month, the Capuchins provide 300,000 pounds of food, 30,000 articles of

clothing, and thousands of hours of personalized support and services to those in need.

The Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration was established by Edmund Ahee, his wife Bette Jean, and their seven children in 1981.

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

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

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The Ahee family at the 2015 Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration



C of Os are a good thing!

By Anna Bartolotta

Certificates of Occupancy, or C of Os, are a simple tool that cities use to control the level of maintenance of home sales or rentals in their area. It is a document obtained by the owner that provides authorization from our local government for a building to be used as a public edifice or as a private residence.



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A tenant’s safety is always first priority when leasing a rental property, so a valid certificate is needed for every home; without one, tenants may experience some issues and even not be able to access city services, such as our parks.

As owners or managers we must look at the inspector as our ally and not as if the city is compiling a list of problems to make our lives harder. To a tenant, I would ask that full compliance is always given; we understand it is an intrusion, but please look at it as for your well being, not as a negative.

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Save Money on Meds: 6 Tips for Finding the Best Prescription Drug Prices

According to a recent Consumer Reports article, “Save Money on Meds: 6 Tips for Finding the Best Prescription Drug Prices,” drug prices can vary widely from store to store, even in the same town. The trick is to shop around.

Though you might think that mom and pop stores usually charge higher prices, the article found that wasn’t always the case. In fact, some real bargains are found at local independent pharmacies. Another advantage of independent drugstores: pharmacists might have more flexibility to match or beat competitors’ prices.

Drugs could cost as much as 10 times more at one retailer vs. another. We’re not talking about regional differences; big variations were found at retailers in the same area. For example, in Dallas, a shopper was quoted a price of \$150 for generic Plavix at a centrally located CVS. But an independent pharmacy just a 20-minute drive away, said it would sell the drug for just \$23. The price isn’t

always set in stone. Shoppers sometimes found that they could get a discount, but only after they asked. And many pharmacies don’t quote a bottom-line price until they have your prescription in hand, or in the computer.

Regardless of which drugstore or pharmacy you use, choosing generic over brand-name drugs can save you money—as much as 90 percent in some cases. Talk to your pharmacist, who may be able to suggest to your doctor lower-cost alternatives in the same class of drugs. For more ways to save money on your next prescription see our list of tips, below.

1. Skip chain drugstores.
2. Support independents.
3. Don’t always use your health insurance.
4. Always ask, “Is this your lowest price?”
5. Seek a 90-day prescription.

With rising drug costs, people

whose insurance company stops or reduces coverage of a drug—or those without coverage at all—will feel the pinch. Even those with insurance may still face higher out-of-pocket costs as co-pays and deductibles increase.

Not being able to afford medications has consequences: About 40 percent of people in the Consumer Reports survey said they cut corners with their medication to make ends meet—they split pills without their doctor’s okay, or simply didn’t fill their prescriptions.

Last, once you’ve done the work to find a pharmacy that you like and that offers a good price, Consumer Reports medical consultants advise filling all of your prescriptions there. Keeping all of the drugs you take in one system helps avoid duplications and dangerous interactions.

<http://www.consumerreports.org/drugs/6-tips-for-finding-the-best-prescription-drug-prices>

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Back to the Future at CCD

By John Minnis

Work continues apace, and on schedule, for the Country Club of Detroit's ongoing renovation, bringing the 89-year-old clubhouse into the 21st century and yet preserving its glorious, understated past.

Phase II now under way consists of new Men's Locker Room facilities and digging out the old pool underneath the bowling lanes to make room for a new lower-level Bowling Center and, above that, a Fitness Center — 12,000 square feet of renovation. Extra care is being taken to use marble and wood finishes consistent with the original construction of the clubhouse.

"It will still feel as it did in 1927," says General Manager Craig Cutler, "keeping character with the clubhouse but new." The Men's Locker Room will see new plumbing, not touched since 1927, and heated flooring in the showers. The lavatories and showers are being reconfigured for access to the new Fitness Center.

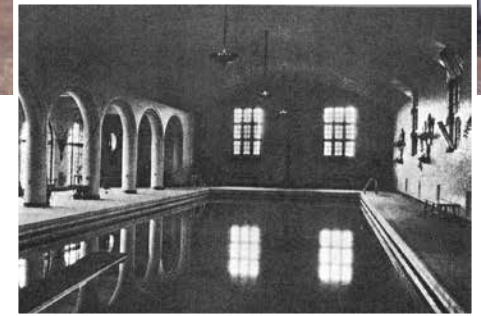
The Men's Locker Room, Fitness Center and Bowling Center projects follow the expansion of the club's golf short game practice area last fall, the opening of the "Summer Village" last summer, reworking the Grille Room into an informal, come-as-you-are dining area, completely renovating the Ladies Powder Room and Locker Room, renovating the club's championship golf course in 2012 and making over the main dining room in 2008 to make it less formal and more family friendly, consistent with the trend to more casual dining. The new classic English Tavern was added at that time as well.

The original pool only lasted 11 years before being covered with bowling lanes in 1938. A dropped ceiling was added as well. With the demolition of the old bowling center, the chamber's curved, vaulted ceiling and windows were exposed for the first time in nearly 90 years.

"What's really neat is the adaptive reuse of this space," Cutler says. The informal entrance into the Fitness Center will be where the old Bowling Center door was. Cardio and resistance equipment and training/workout rooms will



Excavation work where the former pool and bowling center were. Right, the Country Club of Detroit natatorium, circa 1927, prior to bowling alley built over pool in 1938. Photos/drawings courtesy CCD



take up the space where the old bowling lanes were at ground level. The new Bowling Center will be below (accessible via a residential grade elevator, making it ADA-compliant). The treadmills and other cardio equipment will face the center's expansive windows providing a more interesting view while working out. The facility will be state-of-the-art in a private-club setting.

"This is all freed space," Cutler says. "We used to use this space for bowling maybe six months out of the year. Now we've doubled the space we will use year-round."

"I don't know of another club in Michigan that will have this range, this quality of offering, we will have when we're done." Work is expected to be completed this fall. ♿



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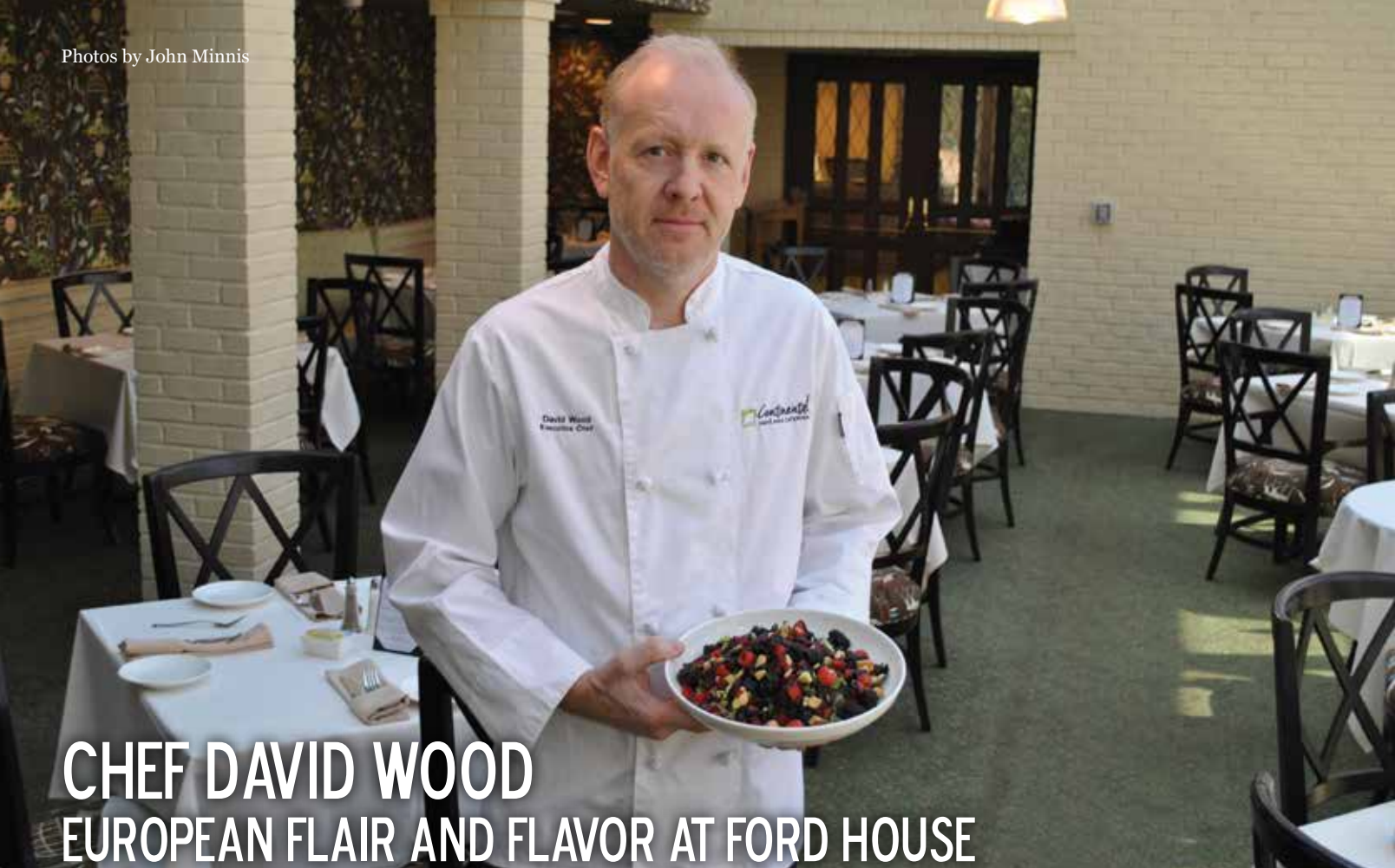
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CHEF DAVID WOOD EUROPEAN FLAIR AND FLAVOR AT FORD HOUSE

By Susan Bollinger

For decades, Cotswold Café at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House was the perfect spot for a leisurely lunch after a house tour. Today, the menu bursts with European flair, flavor and elegance, and for many regulars, is a favorite choice for a glass of wine and expertly prepared food.

Chef David Wood joined Ford House as executive chef in August 2015. Building on the success of the previous chef, he has continued to transform the restaurant's style with fresh, made-

from-scratch options.

A French classically trained chef, Chef David came to the United States from the United Kingdom just four years ago. After leadership positions as chef at local favorites including Andiamo and Opus 1, he was looking for a place where he “felt comfortable.”

“The Ford House is one of a kind, and here I have the ability to create dishes I enjoy cooking — I have a free hand,” he says.

That free hand is evident in the menu. “It’s healthier, with vegetarian and traditional items and lean, high-quality European foods with a fine-dining feel. My style is multinational, and I make everything from scratch.”


All new menu items are Chef David’s creations. Special event and catering menus are tailor-made.

Seafood is abundant, and includes crab risotto cakes, salmon confit, and the lobster and shrimp wrap — now the top-selling sandwich. A daily quiche, the steak and portabella burger, and a selection of soups,

sandwiches and salads — including the top-selling Maurice salad — are all made with fresh ingredients. Salads are accented with beets, roasted squash, candied walnuts and even parsnips.

Special theme dinners, conceptualized and designed by Chef David, sell out. Many include wine or beer pairings with selections from local vintners and brewers.

“This should be the place to come for lunch and unique dinner experiences,” says Chef David. “More special events and growth are in the future for the Ford House, and menus will be key part of that. The Ford House is becoming a destination for dining. The proof is in the pudding.”

The Cotswold Café is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, visitfordhouse.org/experience/dining-shopping. Information about special events and dinners is frequently posted first on the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Facebook page. 



The new 'Funeral Representative' law

By Jon B. Gandelot

Michigan recently revised its estate law to permit competent individuals 18 and over to designate a "funeral representative," granting that person the power to make decisions about funeral arrangements and the disposition of the decedent's body.



Under prior law, a surviving spouse, then the children of the decedent have priority, in that order, to make such decisions. What if John, a widower, remarries and then dies a month later? John always wanted to be cremated and his ashes interred with those of his first wife. Joyce, the new wife, wants a burial. Under the old law, Joyce's wishes would prevail.

With the new law, John could name his daughter, Julie, as his funeral representative. The designation must be in writing and witnessed by two individuals or acknowledged before a notary public. The designation can be contained in a will, a medical "patient advocate" form or other written document intended to name a funeral representative.

The new law requires the funeral representative to make a decision within 48 hours of being notified of the decedent's death. Failure to do so automatically revokes the representative's authority.

This is an important law, particularly for "blended" families. If there could be any disagreements concerning the funeral/burial/cremation wishes of a loved one, this document can save the family distress. You can add funeral representative language as part of your estate planning documents.

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

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Edsel & Eleanor's 100th Wedding Anniversary at the Ford House

By Lauren McGregor

In honor of Edsel and Eleanor Ford's 100th wedding anniversary, the Ford House's South Cottage will play host to an exhibit of the family's changing wedding customs and styles throughout the years.

June 25 marks the kick off, which includes A Legacy of Love: Vow Renewal and Garden Party. One hundred couples will have the opportunity to renew their vows in the estate gardens, followed by a lakeside party.

The exhibit, running June 25 through Nov. 6, will showcase 13 wedding gowns and one bridesmaid dress from 1916, the 1940s, 1970s, 1980s and today. Wedding shoes, veils and photographs are a few of the items guests on display.

"Though we have shown some of these gowns in the past, this exhibit has been years in the making," says Ford House vice president of communications Ann Fitzpatrick.

One surprising item that has never been on display is an actual piece of Edsel and Eleanor Ford's wedding cake. A fruit cake (baked to last 20 years!), rather than a white wedding cake, was the norm at the time. Theirs contained a mere 28 pounds of fruit and two quarts of brandy.

"Wagner's Wedding March may be the only constant," exhibit organizer Maggie Lidz jokes of the changing wedding



Eleanor (Lowthian Clay) Ford and her bridesmaids at her 1916 wedding

customs. "For instance, we have no formal wedding photograph of Edsel and Eleanor. It was not a tradition at the time." Rather, solemn portraits of the bride and a group shot with her bridesmaids were the extent of the wedding photography.

Wedding flowers were another of these ever changing trends. From simple garden-picked blossoms to orchids to Colonial Williamsburg style bouquets, Ford weddings had it all. The 1971 wedding of Jo Clay Ford and John Ingle, Jr. featured bright daisies (7,500 to be exact) and a floral embroidered dress by Grosse Pointe institute Walton-Pierce, a true 'flower power' nuptial.

Another changing trend was the wedding location. Until 1940, weddings took place within the home. Edsel and Eleanor Ford's, for example, took place at J.L. Hudson's home. But Henry Ford II's wedding to Anne McDonnell took place at a church in Southampton, New York. With several Kennedy family members in attendance, the wedding was recorded and will be among videos screened at the exhibit.

"You can see the changing culture of the United States itself through the changing customs in the weddings exhibited," says Lidz. For example, Eleanor's gown, Russian inspired, was a reflection not only of her artistic life, but the fashion and cultural trends of the day.

In the midst of WWI, Americans were unable to order pieces from Paris. Russian couture, however, was accessible and in vogue. Eleanor's dress was directly inspired by Léon Bakst's costume design for the Ballets Russes – a silver, pearl-embroidered gown by House of Lucile, one of the most




From left, 'Jo' Clay Ford's Walton-Pierce gown from 1971 wedding to John Ingle, Jr.; Cynthia Neskow's Priscilla of Boston gown from 1974 wedding to Edsel Ford II

Lucile bridesmaid dress from Edsel & Eleanor's wedding.



coveted fashion design houses of wealthy brides then, and of museums today. (Lucile designer Lady Duff-Gordon was also known for her controversial experience on a lifeboat of the

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For information on the exhibit and A Legacy of Love: Vow Renewal and Garden Party, visit fordhouse.org. 



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One big happy family

By Beth Newhart

Fate has a funny way of making things work out.

In 1962, Delores McMillan lived in Grosse Pointe Park and was a pregnant widow with nine children. Her husband, Donald, died of a massive heart attack, but it didn't kill her spirit and love for life.

Two years later, H. George Arsenault lost his wife, Marge, to staph pneumonia. He lived in Allen Park and had seven children under the age of 12. He managed his family well, but he felt lost and lonely.

A year after Marge's death, his brother Al told him about The Naim Conference, a social group for Catholic widows and widowers. Reluctantly, he went to their next meeting in Lincoln Park, where he met Delores, who insisted he come to the group's next dinner dance. Although he brought another widow who lived a few blocks away from his home, it was

Delores who stole his heart.

"I was sitting there minding my own business," he says. "I wasn't much of a dancer. But then a five-foot-two, eyes-of-blue called me over."


A year later, George and Delores had found a home on the corner of Devonshire and Jefferson in the Park that could accommodate all 17 children, and they were married on June 10 at St. Clare of Montefalco. They were front page news for the Detroit dailies, and the story was picked up by the Associated Press as well.

There were nine boys and eight girls – two Mary Anns and two Roberts – and six of George's seven children were the same ages as Delores's. Every month had a birthday except for August; March had four birthdays, two on the tenth.

At the time, the movie *Yours, Mine and Ours* was playing in the theaters, but Delores didn't care for

that philosophy. "That won't be us," George recounts his conversation with her. "They're all ours. They're all our children and all brothers and sisters." On their wedding day, some at the church asked who was getting married. "Mary Ann McMillan and Janet Arsenault said, 'We are! All of us!'" says George.

This June would be Delores and George's golden wedding anniversary. Though Delores passed away in January 2014 at the age of 87, the party will go on as the Arsenault-McMillan 50th family anniversary will return to St. Clare of Montefalco.

There are 15 surviving children, 40 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, who along with George and spouses, will crowd onto the steps of the church for another photo. The last names might not all match, but they are family through and through. 



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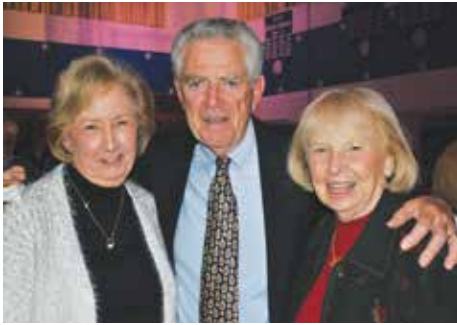
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Hello, Dolly!

Grosse Pointe Theatre will close its 68th season with the award-winning musical *Hello, Dolly!* The eight performances will take place between May 8 and May 21.

The production is presented through special arrangement by Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc. and will be filled with stunning artistry including period costumes, set design, choreography and musical numbers such as “Before the Parade Passes By,” “Elegance,” and “Hello, Dolly!”

An award-winning director, choreographer and actor, Timothy Higgins of Royal Oak brings his creative vision to life with the help of his talented production team and 31 cast members which includes Theresa Selvaggio of Grosse Pointe Farms as Dolly Gallagher Levi; Ron Otulakowski of Eastpointe as Horace Vandergelder; Emilio Garcia of Grosse Pointe Park as Barnaby Tucker; Allison McClelland of Grosse Pointe Park as Irene Molloy; Ashlee McKinley of Grosse Pointe Farms as Minnie Fay; Eddie Tujaka of Grosse Pointe Farms as Rudolph Reisenweber; and Donna DiSante of Grosse Pointe Woods as Mrs. Rose.

Publicist Patricia Ellis says, “There are a total of 124 costumes for the 31 actors, who between them have 155 costume changes.” That’s groundbreaking preparation for Grosse Pointe Theatre!

Tickets are \$24. For more information, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.

Top, Ron Otulakowski as Horace Vandergelder and Theresa Selvaggio as Dolly Gallagher Levi; Center, Cast members from left, David Roberts as Cornelius Hackl, Allison McClelland as Irene Molloy, Emilio Garcia as Barnaby Tucker and Ashlee McKinley as Minnie Fay; Right, costume co-chiefs from left, Mary Ann Bury, Ginger Hupp and Fiona Parker



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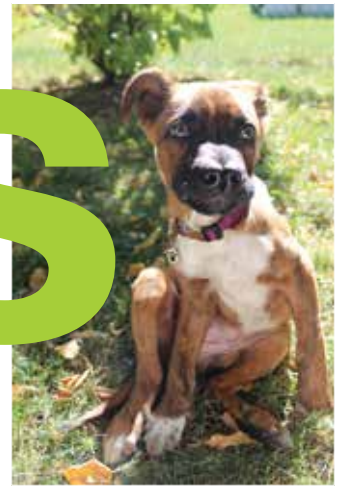
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Sophie

Seven-year-old Sophie, a Boston Terrier, is 12 pounds of mouth and muscle. She loves chasing balls and a good game of tug of war with her rope toy. She is much loved by the McGarvahs of the Woods.



Coco

Coco Johnson is a 14-year-old Brittany Spaniel. She loves to run and chase rabbits, birds and squirrels. Eggs are her favorite people food.

Pets and Lyme disease

By Dr. Elizabeth Doppke

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that is spread by ticks, namely the deer tick and the black legged tick. Originally reserved for the Northeastern states, Lyme disease is rapidly spreading across the United States, especially as the white-tailed deer population migrates. While the disease cannot be transmitted between pets and humans, ticks on your pet may be a danger to you and your family: Animal fur can act like a “tick magnet,” and you may be exposed to ticks when you snuggle with your dog or cat.



The tick has to attach to the skin for 16 to 24 hours to transmit the bacteria that causes Lyme disease. In pets, there isn't the classic “bull's eye” appearance to the skin as in humans when Lyme disease is transmitted. Diagnosis can be difficult as symptoms may not be detected until several months after infection and can mimic other health conditions, including kidney disease, lethargy, soreness and a shifting leg lameness.

Blood tests are available if Lyme disease is suspected in your pet. Due to the increasing prevalence of the disease, there is a move to screen on a yearly basis. While treatment is usually successful if infection is diagnosed early on, it is still very important to attempt to prevent Lyme and other tick borne diseases. A Lyme disease vaccine is currently available for dogs, and there are many forms of tick preventative, including topical and oral formulations for both dogs and cats. You should consult with your veterinarian before using any of these products.

Dr. Elizabeth Doppke is a graduate of Michigan State University. She joined Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in 2005.

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The highly anticipated DSO at Ford House manages several feats: to entertain guests with world renowned music and fireworks, engage the beauty of the Ford estate, and give back to the community in the form of a scholarship fund.

Former DSO Assistant Conductor and Music Director of the Louisville Orchestra Teddy Abrams will return to the podium for the DSO's seventh annual appearance at Ford House. The two-concert series takes place on the grounds of the elegant estate, serenading audiences beside Lake St. Clair as the sun sets over the historic home.

"DSO at Ford House is one of our favorite summer events. Having attended the event each year from the start – and some years, both nights – we [Shery and Lindsay Cotton] are pleased to co-chair this year's committee," says Lindsay Cotton.

The series will open on Friday, July 8 with "Broadway Brothers," starring vocal duo Will and Anthony Nunziata. Saturday, July 9, the DSO performs "Made in America," music inspired by the beauty and wonder of America—including pieces from Bernstein, John Williams and more.

The grounds of Ford House will open at 6 p.m. Concerts take place at 8 p.m. with a thrilling fireworks finale at 9:30 p.m.

"The fireworks finale is a spectacular way to close out each memorable evening, and we are thrilled to provide the support that ensures an affordable cultural experience for our Southeast Michigan community," says co-chair Shery Cotton.

Net proceeds from the DSO at Ford House have provided for an annual Edsel & Eleanor Ford House School Scholarship Fund, managed by the Education Department, and dedicated




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to removing barriers that face economically disadvantaged schools and student groups.

Each year, several schools are awarded the Ford House School Scholarship, which provides transportation, free admission and school programs adapted to meet curriculum standards for third to eighth grades.

At sponsorship levels of \$2,500 and above, DSO at Ford House sponsors 'adopt a school' and are recognized as a school scholarship sponsor. The sponsor's logo is then displayed on materials and signage within the school and at Ford House during the programming cycle. An appreciation photo from the sponsored student group is also presented for the sponsor's company wall.

Sponsorship support for the 2016 season is provided by Beaumont and Fifth Third Bank. Fireworks are made possible through the generous support of the Cotton family. Additional support has been provided by the Nicholson family, Ford Motor Company Fund, George R. & Elise Fink Foundation, the Ellis family, Comerica and Crest Lincoln. Other sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Concert tickets range from \$12 to \$50, with limited advance-purchase VIP tickets available for \$200, including a gourmet dinner, open bar and more. To purchase VIP tickets, contact Ford House at (313) 884-4222. For more details, visit dso.org/summer. Children ages four and under are free. 



Above, DSO at Ford House committee, standing from left, Alicia Nicholson, Bernadette Banko, Sarah Ford and Linda Ellis; seated, Shery Cotton and Lindsay Cotton; not pictured, Danielle Manley
Left, fourth graders from Beech Elementary School in Redford at Ford House, recipients of the Ford House School Scholarship

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08 SUNDAY - Mother's Day

- Mother's Day Brunch at the War Memorial, \$28 per person, \$12 ages 8 and under, reservations required by May 5 at gpwarmemorial.org, morning reservations at 10:30 a.m., afternoon reservations at 1:30 p.m.
- Mother's Day Brunch at Ford House's Cotswold Cafe, register at fordhouse.org, 10 a.m., 12 p.m. or 2 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Hello, Dolly! at the War Memorial, also May 12-14, 19-21, get tickets at gpt.org
- Thoroughly Modern Millie at Grosse Pointe South, 2 p.m.

09 TUESDAY

- Chamber Business Before Hours at McDonald's, 8 a.m.
- GPHS Pointes of History Celebration at the War Memorial, awarding of historical plaques, 7-9 p.m.

11 WEDNESDAY

- Bird Walk at Ford House, \$7, register at fordhouse.org, 7:30 a.m.
- GPHS Bicknell Lectures Series at the Ford House, "Detroit in World War I," 7:30-9 p.m.

12 THURSDAY

- Bird Walk at Ford House, \$7, register at fordhouse.org, 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- GPPL Friends Book Sale at Woods Branch, members only 10-11 a.m., open to public 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Dinner Concert at the War Memorial featuring Chamber Soloists of Detroit artistic director Pauline Martin and celebrated Canadian artists Scott St. John and Sharon Wei, \$45 for concert and dinner, \$25 concert only, dinner at 6 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m.

13 FRIDAY

- Bird Walk at Ford House, \$7, register at fordhouse.org, 7:30 a.m.
- GPPL Friends Book Sale at Woods Branch, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Fifth Annual Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week through May 22, 5-8 p.m.

- Farm to Table Dinner and B. Nektar Mead Pairing at Ford House, \$65, register at fordhouse.org, 6:30 p.m.

14 SATURDAY

- GPPL Friends Book Sale at Woods Branch, \$5 bag day, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at SOC, small dogs and puppies 12-1:30 p.m., medium and large dogs, 1:30-3 p.m., cats 12-1:30 p.m. and at City Bark, cats and kittens 12-2 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open House, 1-4 p.m.
- Izzy's Second Saturdays at the Provencal-Weir House, "April Showers Bring May Flowers," ages 7 and up, \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers, reserve by May 12, ask for Izzy at (313) 884-7010, 1-3 p.m.
- Gin: The Original Flavored Vodka with Michael Schafer at the War Memorial, \$45 per person, 7-9 p.m.

15 SUNDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$13 per member, \$15 per nonmember, \$22 to pair with General House Tour, register at fordhouse.org, BST starts at 1 p.m., if pairing with GHT arrive at 11:45 a.m.

18 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center presents "Mental Health First Aid Training (Part 1) - For Those Assisting/Helping Older Adults" at SOC, \$30 per person, reservations required at (313) 432-3832 or at familycenterweb.org, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- The Family Center presents "An Overview: Autism Spectrum Disorders" at SOC, free, RSVP at (313) 432-3832 or familycenterweb.org, 6:30 p.m.
- Michigan Top Chefs Cooking Class at the War Memorial featuring Matt Schellig, \$35 per person, 6:30 p.m.
- St. John Guild's 56th Annual Guild Dinner at MGM Grand Detroit, for tickets visit stjohnguild.org or call (313) 343-3674, cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., comedy show featuring Paul Reiser at 9 p.m.

20 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Day of Service, employees and board of directors volunteer time to work with organizations that support the military and their families

21 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Park Perennial Plant Exchange at Windmill Pointe Park, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission, Grosse Pointe Historical Society and Edsel & Eleanor Ford House host the annual Michigan One Room Schoolhouse Association Conference (MORSA) at Cook School House; participants can be transported to the Provencal-Weir House where they can enjoy a tour, and then on to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House for a guided tour of the house; coffee, breakfast sweets and a light lunch will be served, approximately \$35 for the day, more details to follow

22 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber Music at the War Memorial, \$14, 2:30 p.m.

24 TUESDAY

- Our Community Salutes at the War Memorial, honoring courageous young men and women as they take oath of office, administered by high-ranking military official
- Chamber Business After Hours at Heartland of Grosse Pointe Woods, 5:30-7 p.m.

25 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center presents "Mental Health First Aid Training (Part 2) - For Those Assisting/Helping Older Adults" at SOC, \$30 per person, reservations required at (313) 432-3832 or at familycenterweb.org, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- The Family Center presents "Applied Behavior Analysis with Children with Autism" at SOC, free, RSVP at (313)

432-3832 or familycenterweb.org,
6:30 p.m.

26 THURSDAY

- An Evening of Red, White & Blue at the War Memorial, in support of the War Memorial's Patriot Initiative and presenting the Spirit of the Community Award, 5 p.m.

28 SATURDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$13 per member, \$15 per nonmember, \$22 to pair with General House Tour, register at fordhouse.org, BST starts at 11 a.m., if pairing with GHT arrive at 9:45 a.m.
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30 MONDAY - Memorial Day

- Memorial Day Service on the War Memorial back lawn, open to the public, includes prominent speaker, reading of the names of fallen soldiers, tolling of the bell and rifle salute, 9:45 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Memorial Day Service, Circle of Honor, 10 a.m.

01 WEDNESDAY

- Michigan Top Chefs Cooking Class at the War Memorial featuring Jordan Ceresnie, \$35 per person, 6:30 p.m.

02 THURSDAY

- The Family Center's 15th Anniversary Gala, a Celebration of Family at the historic Charles Lambert House, \$150 per person, tickets at (313) 432-3832 or familycenterweb.org, VIP pre-glow reception at 5:30 p.m., general admission at 6:30 p.m.

04 SATURDAY

- West Park Farmers Market Opens
- Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$13 per member, \$15 per nonmember, \$22 to pair with General House Tour, register at fordhouse.org, BST starts at 11 a.m., if pairing with GHT arrive at 9:45 a.m.

05 SUNDAY

- Mutt March at the Ford House, 8 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Chamber Music at the War Memorial, \$14 per person, 2:30 p.m.

07 TUESDAY

- The Family Center presents "Meet & Greet: A Gathering for School, Mental Health and Other Professionals Working With Youth, Adults and Families" at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, RSVP at (313) 432-3832 or familycenterweb.org, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

08 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Rotary Cruise for a Cause aboard the Infinity, \$150 per person, reservations at grossepointerotary.org, boarding at 6:30 p.m.

09 THURSDAY

- GPHS Gala "Moonlight at the Manor," tickets at gphs.org
- Music on the Plaza in the Village, every Thursday evening (except July 28) through Aug. 4 at 7 p.m.

11 SATURDAY

- Historic Indian Village Home and Garden Tour through June 12, in celebration of the successful restoration



- of the historic streetlights, this year's tour will again be a two day tour! For tickets and information, visit historicindianvillage.org, tours will take place on Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, June 12, 12-5 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at SOC, small dogs and puppies 12-1:30 p.m., medium and large dogs 1:30-3 p.m., cats 12-1:30 p.m. and at City Bark, cats and kittens 12-2 p.m.
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- After Six on Kercheval in the Park, 6 p.m.

19 SUNDAY - Father's Day

- Eyes on Design Car Show at Ford House, \$25, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

22 WEDNESDAY

- Legacy on the Lake at Ford House, 6 p.m.

24 FRIDAY

- 25th Annual Grosse Pointe Garden Tour, through June 25, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

25 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at SOC, small dogs and puppies 12-1:30 p.m., medium and large dogs, 1:30-3 p.m., cats 12-1:30 p.m. and at City Bark, cats and kittens 12-2 p.m.

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Skinny Dipping Season

a Cynthia Tennent novel

By Margie Reins Smith



Grosse Pointe Cynthia Tennent Sohn’s second novel, *Skinny Dipping Season*, is set for an April release. She signed a three-book deal with Kensington Publishing Corp. in New York City. Her first novel, *A Wedding in Truhart*, was published last year.

She says her books are a sub category of women’s fiction: romantic comedy. Sohn was not interested in self-publishing, so she submitted *A Wedding* to four agents and publishers. Remarkably, it was plucked from the slush pile, a publishing term for the stack of un-agented novels submitted directly to an editor.

“It really wasn’t that easy,” she says. “It was a long road. I began writing 15 years ago, while my daughters were napping. I submitted a book to some 50 agents and publishers. It was rejected. The book was not good.”

“I’m a firm believer that it’s a mistake to stop writing after being rejected. I took writing courses, went to writing conferences and joined writers groups. I learned to write a query letter and how to establish a platform. There’s a lot behind the curtain in writing.”

Sohn writes every day. “I know what the midpoint and the climax and the end of my stories will be, but then I sit down and see what happens.”

A Wedding takes place in Atlanta and in a fictional Michigan town called Truhart, which Sohn says is much like

the Lewiston/Gaylord area. She describes *A Wedding* as a cross between the Jane Austen classic *Pride and Prejudice* and the recent movie *Bridesmaids* – “but without the bathroom scene.”

Sohn’s advice for aspiring novelists: “Put your butt in a chair and write every day; learn to take rejection; and remember there’s always more to learn.”

“You can’t give up.”

Sohn grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods and graduated from American University with a degree in international relations. She lives in Grosse Pointe with her husband John and three daughters.

Her third novel is still untitled. Each book has different main characters, she says, although some of the secondary characters are the same. [Φ](#)

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Meet M.G.



Name	Dr. Marjorie Gail "M.G." Weber
Age	31
City	Davis, California
Occupation	Evolutionary biologist

M.G.'s Facts

Grosse Pointe hometown

Grosse Pointe City

Years lived in Grosse Pointe

My whole childhood (18 years)!

Grosse Pointe schools attended

Richard, Brownell and South

About M.G.

M.G. is married to Dr. Gideon Bradburd, who is a population geneticist at University of California, Berkeley.

When asked about herself, she tells us, "As a biologist, I'm lucky enough to have one of the most exciting jobs in the world. I get paid to learn about the incredible diversity of living things on the planet, uncovering the mysteries of life! We are losing species at a rapid rate to climate change and habitat destruction, in many cases before we have the chance to learn anything about them. There was never a time in Earth's history when biologists were more needed!"

When and why did you move from Grosse Pointe?

2003, to move to Portland, Oregon for my undergrad education.

What do you miss most about living in Grosse Pointe?

My mom's spaghetti, my dad's banjo playing, and sailing on the lake!

Do you get back to Grosse Pointe often?

Once or twice a year, especially for Christmas. I love seeing the snow.

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

Everything's stayed the same! It's spooky. But Sander's did come to the Village, and I LOVE their caramel cake, so that is a big win.

Do you have family here?

Oh yes, everyone in my family still lives in Grosse Pointe and they are big parts of the community: My Dad, Mark Weber, is former president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial; my Mom, Judy 'the Judes' Weber, is a former attendance guru of Grosse Pointe South; and my brother, Rob Weber, is a lawyer extraordinaire and a talented Grosse Pointe Theatre actor (you may have seen him recently star in 'Spam-a-lot!')

What do you tell people about Grosse Pointe?

Yes, I *have* seen "Grosse Pointe Blank."

What preconceptions do people have about Grosse Pointe?

I'm not sure...most people I talk to where I live now in California haven't heard of it. But people generally think the Midwest has cold weather but warm people. I'd say they are correct!

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

I have some close friends who are still in the area, and of course I'd love to be able to sail more often (and have more of Mom's spaghetti!), however there is no major research university in G.P., so there is no career for me there. However, I will be moving back to 'the mitten' soon - to work at one of the best research institutions for my field of biology in the country: Michigan State! Go Green!

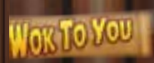


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