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## Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this object? On Monday, May 22, we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to respond with the most specific answer will win a gift card for Champs Rotisserie & Seafood! Participants MUST wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck! (Last issue: In circle at Richard Elementary School.)

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## Spring showers bring May (and June) galas!

Seven is a lucky number — both biblically and at the casino. So it was good fortune that we published our debut issue of *Grosse Pointe Magazine* seven years ago this issue. The magazine has grown considerably since then. Our May-June 2010 issue was 52 pages. This issue is 116 pages. Now that’s great because it allows us to include more the good stories and people that abound in the Pointes. It’s even better in that page count is determined by how much advertising we receive. So, yes, *Pointe Magazine* is very well received by advertisers and, of course, we appreciate them!

In our debut issue we included our picks of Exceptional Grads from the graduating classes of each of our high schools — Grosse Pointe North and South and University Liggett School. We have continued that graduation tradition every year since, and this year is no exception. What strikes us — and everyone else who gets to know our grads — is how remarkable they are. Not only are their grade point averages stellar, but so are their extracurricular achievements in sports, music, community service and more. Kids today are miles ahead of where my generation was at their age. As was popularized in the *Saturday Night Live* “Wayne’s World” sketch, “We’re not worthy”! Be sure to read about our Editor’s Picks from among the graduating Class of 2017 and see for yourself!

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*As for Terry and I, we plan to stay in Grosse Pointe for the most part and enjoy the flowers, the summer breezes, drives along Lake St. Clair.*

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We are also excited to learn the Edmund T. Ahee Family is being honored at their year’s Legacy on the Lake event hosted by Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Now they — the extended Ahee Family — are worthy! They do so much for the Grosse Pointe community, and they do it quietly without fanfare. We look forward to giving them the public thanks they deserve at this year’s Legacy on the Lake. If you have never been to a Legacy event, please make a point to attend this year as it is one of the top galas of the year!

Speaking of galas, we have three of the best coming up in May and June. The Grosse Pointe Foundation has their annual gala May 6 at the Little Club. Unfortunately, the event fell too early in the month for us to get the particulars to you in advance. Hopefully, you are on their mailing list and are planning to attend! Next month, The Family Center and the Grosse Pointe Historical Society are holding back-to-back galas June 9 and 16. The Family Center’s is being held at the beautiful home (and gardens) of Robert and Sandy Riney. (Bob is CEO of Ford Health Systems.) The Historical Society’s gala will be at the gorgeous new home built by Chad and Katy Krueger on Lake Shore at Oxford Road. Can’t wait to tour that house...after all, we all watched it being built over what seemed like several years!

Needless to say, there are plenty of fun things to do before school ends and the summer vacation season begins. As for Terry and I, we plan to stay in Grosse Pointe for the most part and enjoy the flowers, the summer breezes, drives along Lake St. Clair and, of course, dining at our many wonderful restaurants. (I think I just discovered why I’m gaining weight!)

At any rate, enjoy these opening months to warmer days of summer and, as I always say, be sure to patronize our many fine businesses and advertisers, without whom this magazine would not be possible and life in Grosse Pointe would not be so sweet!

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# Meet Ruby

Name: **Ruby Bukta** Birthdate: **June 24, 2014** City: **Grosse Pointe Park**

Parents: **Paul & Michelle** Siblings: **Belle, 7, and Sebastian, 17**

Favorite activity: **She loves to run and dance to music.**

First words: **"DA DA DA DA"**

Cute habit: **Ruby is going to be an amazing singer!**

## About Ruby *in Mommy and Daddy's words*

Ruby loves to talk to her exchange brother, Sebastian, about the events of the day after they both return home from school. She also loves to run around the house with her big sister, Belle, after playing with her My Little Pony toys. Her laugh is infectious, and she's got quite the set of lungs! Her family loves her very much.

# Meet Jimmy

Name: **James Rocco Lee Filippone** Age: **4** City: **Grosse Pointe City**  
Parents: **Nikki & Giuseppe** Siblings: **Twins, Felicity Rose and Cecily Rose, 2**  
Interests: **Cars, numbers and running around**

## Favorites

Food: **Peanut butter and jelly** Vacation: **Visiting Nonna and Nonno**

Outdoor Activity: **Going to any park with a huge playscape, also the zoo!** Game: **The running around game**

Family Activity: **I love to go to the red store (Target), so I can buy cars and save up money.**

What do you want to be when you grow up?  
**I want to have a job where I can watch my sisters like Miss Elizabeth (his nanny).**

Who is your hero and why?  
**I want to be like Miss Elizabeth. She gives us snacks and all sorts of fruits. She takes us for walks. She takes us to Tiny Town.**

## About Jimmy

"My name is Jimmy Rocco Lee Filippone. I'm four. My favorite thing to do is to play with my cars and my computer. It's a McQueen computer. I like to go outside and run around. My favorite people are Mommy and Daddy, my sisters, and Nonna and Nonno and Miss Elizabeth. My favorite movie is Cars and Cars 2 and I will like Cars 3. My favorite stuffed animal is my kitty cat. His name is Bitty Bat because he is a blue kitty cat. I love to be silly all the time!"



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# Meet Andrew



**Name** Andrew Fleming

**Age** 15

**City** Grosse Pointe City

**School** Grosse Pointe South

**Parents** Bill Fleming and Laura Sanom Fleming

## Andrew's Favorites

**Music Artist**

Hozier

**TV Show**

*Grey's Anatomy*

**Movie**

*La La Land*

**Actor/Actress**

Gavin Creel

**School Subject**

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*Rockin' Robin* by Bobby Day, it's a really good studying song.

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

I can rap the entirety of *Hamilton* flawlessly and I would really like to learn sign language.

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

To rid the world of all the -isms, to stop global warming, to learn how to bake because making chocolate chip cookies is the extent of my abilities.

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

Probably broke in college somewhere

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

I've always wanted to be an actor, though I contemplated being a doctor for approximately .02 seconds.

## About Andrew

Andrew is a freshman at Grosse Pointe South High School and has two older sisters, Megan, 21, and Emily, 19.

He plans on pursuing musical theater through college and beyond.

He loves everything that has to do with music and hopes to someday share that love with the rest of the world.

Andrew's dream is to live in New York and perform on Broadway.


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By John McTaggart

For boat lovers, the 29th Annual Great Lakes Boating Festival is three days of pure bliss. Thousands are expected to flock to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club the weekend of May 19-21 to get a glimpse at everything from antique outboard motors, to vintage boats as well as the current models from some of the world's top boat manufacturers.



"It really is a great time for boat lovers," says past Commodore Jim Morrow, an event organizer. "And this year is going to be the biggest in the festival's history."

Boats from 16 to 80 feet will be on display at the festival, and this year there will be more boats for patrons to enjoy, Morrow says.

"In the past, we've had around 68 new boats here for the festival," he says. "This year, we're already over 90. This, and all the other things we have happening, makes it the biggest festival we've ever had. We're very excited about what this year is going to bring."

The new boats are just a part of the allure. Two days of stadium races, including J/70 sailboat races on Saturday, May 20, and new Melges 14s raced by local high school students on Sunday, May 21, highlight this portion of the festival.


Meanwhile, classic Cadillac automobiles from decades

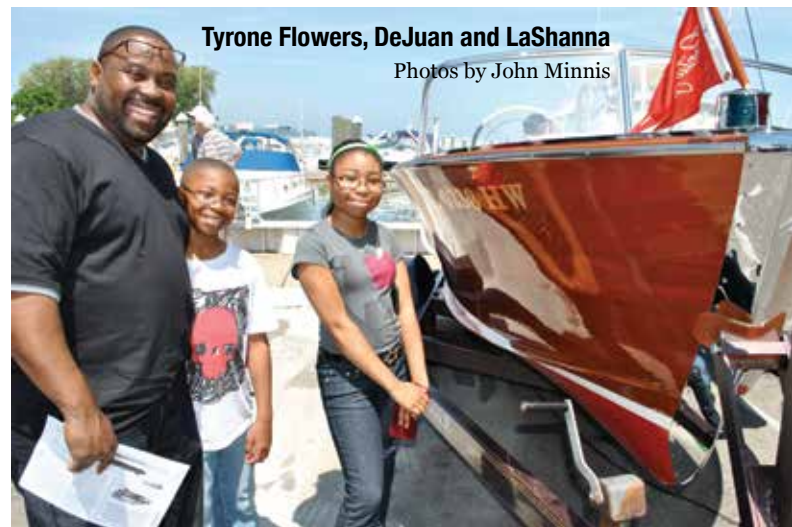
gone by, provided by the Cadillac LaSalle Club, are certain to give spectators plenty to admire on shore.

A pair of raffles, one for a Boston Whaler and trailer, and the other for a Rolex watch, are also part of the festival offerings.

And there's even more, according to Morrow.

"There's something for everyone to enjoy," he adds. "I really encourage people to come and check the festival out. They'll be happy they did."

The event is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.greatlakesboatfestival.com](http://www.greatlakesboatfestival.com). 



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By Joyce Wiswell



Sharon Eisenshtadt

Summer is here and the warm weather brings along an easier way of life. Whether you'll be entertaining at home, dining al fresco at a fabulous restaurant, lounging on the boat or relaxing at the country club, SHE has everything you need to be summer-ready.

This season the look is feminine, stylish and sophisticated, says Sharon Eisenshtadt, owner and personal stylist at SHE.

Eisenshtadt, whose boutique at 16888 Kercheval Place is next to City Kitchen, loves the Grosse Pointe experience. "I feel like I am driving into a beautiful resort, and I think the people who live here feel like that too," she says. "It's such a welcoming community with very fashionable women who really enjoy their summers."

Eisenshtadt and her team of stylists at SHE love helping their clients look their very best with their complimentary personal shopping experience. SHE specializes in getting to know you, your lifestyle, what you'll be doing this summer, and recommending the best clothes for any occasion.

"That is our job," she says. "We really pride ourselves on helping you reach your wardrobe goals."

This summer's fashions have lots of feminine flare, Eisenshtadt says. Cold shoulder and ruffles in skirts, dresses and blouses are the leading trends.

"Summer is always the time to bring out bright, 'happy'

colors, and this season we're also seeing a lot of stripes and floral prints," she says. "Don't be afraid to mix it up a little bit."

One-piece bathing suits that look sexy without showing too much are in vogue for all ages.

"Add a matching coverup, a cute bag, a great hat, a wedge shoe or flip-flop, and you're all set," says Eisenshtadt.

Those in the Pointes know how to make the most of summer, stretching it as far as the weather allows. That's why SHE carries summer fashions and adds new pieces all throughout the season, so there's no need to worry about missing the boat if you're just now starting to think of your summer wardrobe.

Among the fashion expert's other must-have components this season are a summer dress that can go from day to night, white jeans, a lightweight sweater, wedge shoes, nude pumps and perhaps a denim jacket to throw over a sundress to change the look.

"Grosse Pointe is one of the most special places to be and be seen, especially in the summertime, so whatever you're doing, SHE wants to make sure you are dressed your best to do it," Eisenshtadt says. "It's important to feel beautiful in your clothes."

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The cold shoulder trend, seen here in a blouse from RAMY BROOK, continues to be an important staple in any wardrobe.



◀ This versatile Yigal Azrouel sundress can take you from a daytime shower to an evening charity event.

This dress by RAMY BROOK works great over a bathing suit on the boat or at the club, or dressed up with jewelry and heels for a night on the town. ▶



Ruffles are in for blouses, dresses and skirts, like this piece by Veronica Beard.



**DR. MEREDITH PRICE, M.D.** joined Hamzavi Dermatology in September 2013. She graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor with a bachelor degree in Cell and Molecular Biology in 2005, and completed her medical training at Wayne State University School of Medicine in 2009. There she received the School of Medicine Faculty Endowed Scholarship (2006-2008) and the Janet M Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation in 2009. She subsequently completed her internship at St. John Hospital and her residency in dermatology at Wayne State University, where she served as the chief resident. Throughout residency she was active in research endeavors and presented at Michigan Dermatologic Society, American Academy of Dermatology, and Cosmetic Surgery Forum meetings. Dr. Price is a member of the American Academy of Dermatology, the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, and the Michigan State Medical Society. She has specific interests in medical dermatology, including psoriasis, acne, and eczema; surgical dermatology including skin cancer and its treatment, and cosmetic dermatology, including Botox, fillers, chemical peels and other forms of skin rejuvenation. She looks forward to meeting and treating you at our Clinton Township, Fort Gratiot and Grosse Pointe clinic locations.



## ABOUT DR. PRICE

Dr. Meredith Price grew up in Grosse Pointe and now lives in the city. She has been married for over 10 years, with 2 children and a dog (Coco the pug). Dr. Price is a PADI certified Master SCUBA diver and plays tennis. Her favorite TV show to binge watch on Netflix is Bones. She has a serious addiction to Starbucks; chocolate and coffee are the way to her heart.

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An international story, Burke takes her readers from Ireland, to New York, to the Middle East, to Michigan.

Undercover NOVAS agent Laine Sullivan takes a mission in Ireland and faces an unraveling case of murder of thoroughbred horses.

Laine uses her interior designer cover to work for a handsome, wealthy racehorse owner and breeder, Miles Bourke. He hires her to design a party room in his lighthouse tower on his remote island in Ireland.

Laine's investigation turns into a romantic affair that is surrounded by murder, money laundering and drugs. To complicate matters, she

discovers the "big boys" in the horseracing business may also be behind the "milkshaking" atrocities on the racetrack.


As she embarks on her quest for the truth, Laine questions her sanity when she thinks she sees her dead husband alive. This vision leads her to dangerous implications about his death.

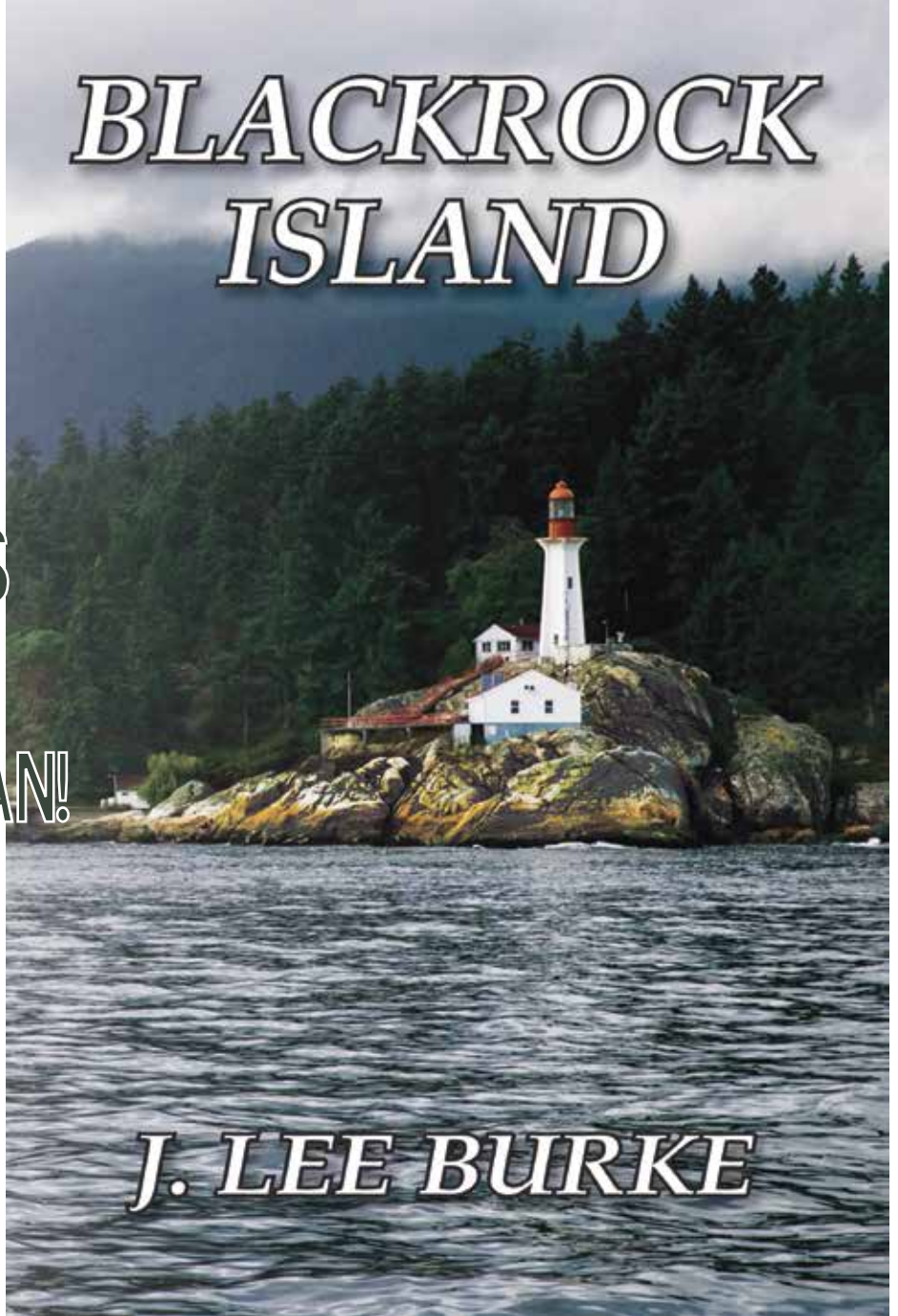
Burke launches unforgettable characters enmeshed in a psychological journey that includes the mysterious death of Laine's husband and a diabolical presence in

the largest horse racing and breeding syndicate in Ireland, France and Saudi Arabia.

What unfolds is an adventure filled with twists and turns as Laine pursues an elusive murder, or murders, as more lives are taken every minute.

The plot begins with the killing of a priceless horse the minute she sets down in Miles's helicopter on Blackrock Island.

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## *Let the Sunshine In*

By Virginia Ficarra



Even if you are not ready to market your home anytime soon, always consider any improvement as a long range investment. To recoup a potential investment, sustainable energy improvements big or small will appeal to potential buyers. Sometimes the simplest solutions can make the biggest impact. The following are interesting examples of some projects that can bring more value and comfort to your home.

### ***Kitchen Backsplash***

The problem in this small kitchen was one small window over the sink. It took a little

more work in construction but paid off in the end. Since the sink and counters were on an outside corner wall, we were able to remove the existing back splash and outside brick façade and replace it with glass block. A variety of clear to translucent glass blocks are available as well as an option for a rectangular glass window pane. Bringing in more light, the change makes the space seem larger.

### ***Windowless Powder Room***

A clerestory window comes to the rescue of this client's natural light dilemma. The remodeling

plans for a first floor man cave/game room included converting a windowless powder room into an adjoining half-bath. However, the existing powder room had four inside walls. The only option here was to install a narrow clerestory window. It is a rectangular window that sets up high on the bath wall near the ceiling. It overlooks the game room, bringing in plenty of natural light from the two large sliding door walls in the game room. Both rooms came together accented in a southwest theme with adobe colors.



### ***A Beacon of Light***

Feeling right at home was a dream that came true for the nonprofit, The Lake House. A new home away from home, a beacon of light for those that have been touched by cancer. It was like an overnight move and transformation from a one room facility to the repurposed classrooms in the Pare Elementary School. A little paint, carpeting, recycled furniture and the hands and open hearts of volunteers completed the healing environment. Positive therapeutic activities and a solid feeling of belonging make it easy to meet and greet new friends. ☺

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# Garden Tour Goes Home Grown

By Beth Quinn

For the past 26 years, the annual Grosse Pointe Garden Tour has been a perennial favorite for aspiring green thumbs in the metropolitan area.

The self-guided tour, sponsored by the non-profit Grosse Pointe Garden Center, will be held Friday, June 23, and Saturday, June 24.

It will provide a rare opportunity to explore eight private gardens and one public park in Grosse Pointe.

“Last year many participants on the tour asked for more gardens that were planned and maintained by the homeowners themselves and that is what you will find,” says tour co-chair Kathy Brown. “More than ever there is a unique variety of gardens that are full of surprises. If you are looking for ideas for your garden this is the tour to attend.”

Those ideas include how to successfully garden organically or conquer a shady site. There will be ponds and vegetable plots from which to draw inspiration. Many gardens will demonstrate how to add a touch of personality with flower containers and decorative items.

Attendees will be able to walk around Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, home to 275 deciduous trees with 21 different species and cultivars, and 106 conifers

with four species. The park also contains a rain garden showcasing watering plants with captured rainwater to prevent run-off into Lake St. Clair.

The tour will include the Grosse Pointe War Memorial’s Veterans’ and Trial Gardens that are supported by the Garden Center. The Trial Gardens, designed and maintained by local garden clubs, will have the theme, “The Summer of Love,” to commemorate the summer of 1967 in Haight-Ashbury.

At each site, artists will be creating paintings inspired by what they see and MSU Master Gardeners will be on hand to provide information and advice.

One stop will have a shop where visitors will be able to purchase a variety of garden related merchandise. At one of the organic gardens, the Ecology Center will be sharing information on how to garden without pesticides and other ways to help the environment.

Tour attendees will have a chance to enter a raffle to win numerous items. First prize will be an

original Robert Fionda watercolor called “Grandmother’s Garden Shed.”

All proceeds will benefit the education, beautification, horticulture and conservation of the Grosse Pointe community.

Tour hours are 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 local Grosse Pointe area merchants and at The War Memorial.

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## Pear Trellis Rust

A recent discovery is trellis rust, a European fungus that attacks pear trees. Pear trellis rust is caused by the fungus *Gymnosporangium fuscum*. The fungus requires two alternate hosts to complete its life cycle. It overwinters on the twigs of juniper species and in early spring it infects newly developed leaves of pear tree species. The pear trellis rust fungus has been introduced to southern Ontario in recent years.

## Hosts and Damage

All species of pear are susceptible to the disease. There is no resistance observed on any ornamental pear species or varieties.

In May and June during warm, humid and rainy weather, the fungal spores spread from juniper to pear by wind. At the early stages of the disease, the infected pear leaves show small orange spots.

In early summer, the spots enlarge and become bright orange and later red lesions. In late summer, the underside of these lesions begin to swell and form a number of blisters. Spores released from these blisters are carried by wind back to juniper.



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# Meet Brett



<b>Name</b>	Brett Marshall
<b>Age</b>	58
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Shores
<b>Occupation</b>	Owner/President of Marshall Landscape Inc.

## Brett's Favorites

### Season

Fall in Michigan can't be beat

### Movie

That's a tie, *Saving Private Ryan* and *McClintock*

### Music Genre

The Sixties, but I like all music from Sinatra to Zeppelin

### Spot in Grosse Pointe

Floating on Lake St. Clair near the Grosse Pointe Shores park

### Last book read

*Seal Team Six*

### Get-away

Weekends in Chicago

### Sports Team

Red Wings, of course

### Website

Cabela's

### Food

Thin crust pizza, salmon caesar salad

### Dessert

I have a hard time saying no to any dessert

### What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

Our parks, being so close to Lake St. Clair makes all the Grosse Pointes a great place to live.

### What are two of your best personality traits?

Being patient. Listening before making any decisions.

### What is your next planned trip?

Looking forward to exploring the New England area.

### What is the best gift you've ever received?

Watching my son being born

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

Make sure all my family members are secure, donate to my favorite organizations and travel more.

### What is your greatest accomplishment?

My kids, of course, very proud of them both. I have been very fortunate and blessed to be successful in business for almost 40 years, making many professional and personal friends along the way.

### What is one thing not many people know about you?

I'm color blind.

## About Brett

Brett is engaged to local Realtor Kelly Martin-Rahaim. He is the father of two, daughter, Cynthia and son, Evan.

His hobbies include duck hunting, fishing and in his words, "trying to play golf again."

He tells us, "It's taken awhile for me to realize that enjoying my family and having your health are most important in life. Although hard work can lead to success, learning to relax and enjoy life are just as valuable. Funny thing is, my father told me that years ago...He was right, again!"



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# Award-winning landscapes

By Mike Coyro

This project, below, became a 2014 MGIA Gold Award and Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Award winner. The project started when a diseased ash tree was removed and the existing lawn and grade was not desirable. We started by fixing the grade, replacing the old lawn and during the following fall, setting up for a new landscape. All soil was replaced, and large fieldstone boulders were set. Corner cut landscape beds were measured out, and Karl Forester Grasses, Blue Chip Juniper, Boxwood Hedges, Knockout Roses and Stella D'Oro Daylily were installed, along with a fieldstone boulder on each corner.

A large Serviceberry and Hicksii Yew hedge were installed.



The next Spring we installed Boxwood hedges, Knockout Roses, Pyracantha, Endless Summer Hydrangea, Gold Flame Spirea and some Purpurascens Maiden grasses.

This landscape is fed with Osmocote, Rose-Tone and a lot of Aluminum Sulfate each year to keep the soil acidic around the Hydrangea so they can keep their nice blue color. We also install a yearly annual display and provide full maintenance for the property as well.

**Above, right, is a 2015 MGIA Silver Award winner.** A main challenge here was the Silver Maple and the “spaghetti-like” root system that prevented anything from growing. We solved this problem by excavating a bit of the existing soil, but also by building a wall behind the landscape, as well as a fieldstone boulder wall on the side. We then brought in humus, topsoil in bulk and pallets of bagged topsoil with peat mixed in which was installed directly around root balls of new plants. We planted large White Spruce as they are perfect for privacy and for locations where space is limited, but where evergreen privacy is needed. We then installed many Quick-Fire Hydrangea, Carpet Roses, Knockout Roses, Karl Forester grasses, All Gold and Red



Baron grasses, Boxwood hedges, Enkianthus, Sedum Autumn Joy, Stella D'Oro Daylily, fieldstone boulders, Maiden grasses; we reconstructed a sand stone wall surrounding the Silver Maple, installed bright blue Mexican beach pebbles and finally some moss between the spaces of a sand stone walkway that we installed leading to a utility area behind garage and to side garage pedestrian door.

We installed pine bark mulch to finish. This property is fed every year with Osmocote, Holly-Tone and Rose-Tone. We perform a heavy thinning and cutting back of Roses each Spring to keep Roses compact and thick while providing optimal air circulation leading to better blooms.

**Below, Coyro Landscaping fulfilled a Grosse Pointe Farms homeowner's dream.** We started by having a large canopy of trees removed as the yard was almost 100 percent shade, and no one had really seen the entire, large brick wall spanning the entire property line due to overgrowth in many years. We sprayed to kill any existing vegetation and then excavated the existing mud, weeds, very little grass and stumps and measured out one landscape bed to start with (with a plan for more beds in years to come) and to cover the back wall with Climbing Hydrangea. We brought in 106 yards of topsoil and established a rough grade. An underground sprinkler system was then installed. We power-washed, and replaced broken stones on the existing patio. We used jointing sand with a bit of mortar mixed in to reset some

stone and planted our Climbing Hydrangea, established a natural cut bed-edge and installed pine bark mulch. Prior to sod install, we always hand-grade (not machine grade) for final and correct grading.

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By Margie Reins Smith

Lillian Boxfish, 84 (or 85, occasionally), was the highest paid female advertising copywriter in 1930s New York City. She became a minor celebrity, her glamorous lifestyle fodder for gossip columnists. Several books of her poetry were published. Lillian's personality is a mixture of Dorothy Parker (clever, witty repartee and wicked sarcasm) and Emily Dickinson (deftly phrased observations about ordinary things).

On New Year's Eve, 1984, Lillian puts on her full-length mink coat and a stylish wide-brimmed hat and takes a walk through her beloved city. Lillian loves to walk. She has been invited to a party by her young friend Wendy, but Lillian thinks: "Whom is she kidding? An octogenarian staying up until midnight to hoot ecstatically at the onset of another year?"

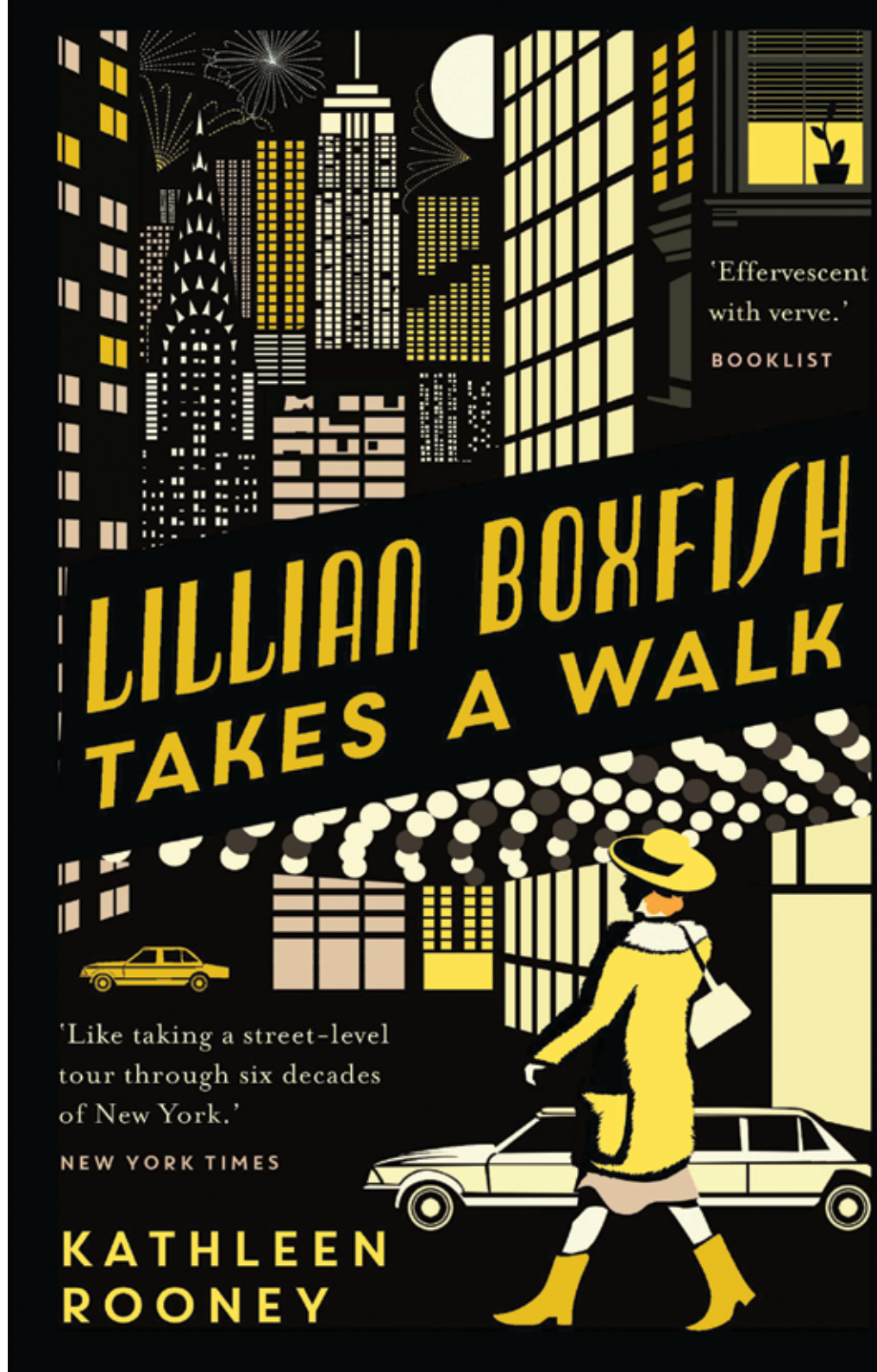
In spite of the ups and downs of her 80-some years, Lillian still has her independent spirit, her self confidence, her health, her wits, her sense of the absurd and the outsized powers of persuasion necessary for a successful advertising copywriter.

She walks from her apartment in Murray Hill to her favorite neighborhood bar for a negroni; then to Grimaldi's restaurant for a glass of Chianti, then down to Wall Street to Delmonico's for a steak dinner. She swerves west to see and smell the Hudson River, then makes her way north through Greenwich Village, past St. Vincent's Hospital to the Upper West Side.

She walks boldly through questionable neighborhoods. (Did I mention that full-length mink coat?) She ends up at her friend's large, loud party in an empty warehouse in Chelsea.

Along the way, she meets people and chats them up. Lillian has the knack of getting people to talk about themselves. Each meet-up triggers memories that flesh out Lillian's backstory.

This novel is a slow-paced witty, cosmopolitan trip through Manhattan's neighborhoods. Readers who like close character analysis will love *Lillian Boxfish Takes A Walk*. [Φ](#)





By Dr. Stonisch

*My dad has terrible breath, what should I do? And how do I know if I have or will develop the same problem?*

Gosh, bad breath...it's the one thing that even your best friend in the world has a hard time telling you, and yet it can be very important to your health, not to mention your profession and social life. Great questions!

Ninety percent of the time, bad breath is caused by gum disease. Gum disease destroys oral soft tissue, bone and can lead to tooth loss. Your dad probably has gum disease and should see his dentist.

If you think you may have bad breath or your best friend has confirmed that you do, schedule a dental exam for yourself, including a periodontal screening as soon as possible.

Your dentist will be able to determine if you or your dad's bad breath is of dental origin and make recommendations to eliminate it.

Proper home care is a must, and your tongue needs attention too! Another weapon besides an electric tooth brush, floss and an oral irrigator (WaterPik) is a tongue scraper. A tooth brush alone cannot do the trick.

You may see television commercials advertising oral rinses to break down these sulfides. Unless the debris and the bacteria are removed mechanically, the bad breath will not go away.

(Next issue: How can I combat "Morning Breath"?)

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# Mother's Day and Father's Day

Reflecting on the past...looking to the future

By John Minnis

We are looking forward to a very special Mother's Day and Father's Day this year as we celebrate a new birth in our family and our own niece and

assistant editor, Lauren McGregor, and her husband, Corey, becoming a mom and dad.

Graham Gavin McGregor was born March 15 — the Ides of March. He is little guy, weighing in at 6 pounds, 5 ounces. He has already gained 2 pounds and is a bundle of love.

Lauren and Corey are going to be great parents. Lauren comes from the "perfect family," and she wants Graham to have all the same things she did. Lauren was raised by loving, attentive parents ... and grandparents, who shared her childhood home. Corey also enjoys the benefits of hands-on grandparents in his upbringing. There is a lot to be said for extended families sharing childrearing.

Of course, we like to think "Aunt Terry and Uncle John" had a little bit to do with Lauren's idyllic childhood. Terry also experienced the perfect childhood, being raised in an extended family. Though 10 years apart, she and her sister, Kris, Lauren's mom, are very close.

So when Kris and husband Walt had their first child,

Lauren, Terry's first niece, of course we were there. And we've been there everyday for Lauren and her younger sister, Lindsay, and brother, Matthew. Lindsay is now married to newly minted lawyer, Ben Demsky, and Matt is finishing at Michigan State and looking to get into Wayne Law School, following in his brother in law's footsteps.

Sadly, Terry lost her father six years ago and my mom succumbed to lung cancer 14 years ago. But as painful as those loses are, we still have my father and Terry's mother, Dorothy, with us. In fact, Dot lives with us in our Grosse Pointe Woods home — another extended family! My dad, Harry, has since remarried, and he and Kay live in her late parents renovated cottage in Lewiston.

So this Mother's Day and Father's Day, we will be celebrating life's continuing circle. We, Lauren and I, have already pegged Graham as a skilled writer and editor. In fact, just yesterday he was literally taking in editing with his mother's milk!

So we wish Lauren and Corey and all our parents a very special and joyous Mother's Day and Father's Day! ♡



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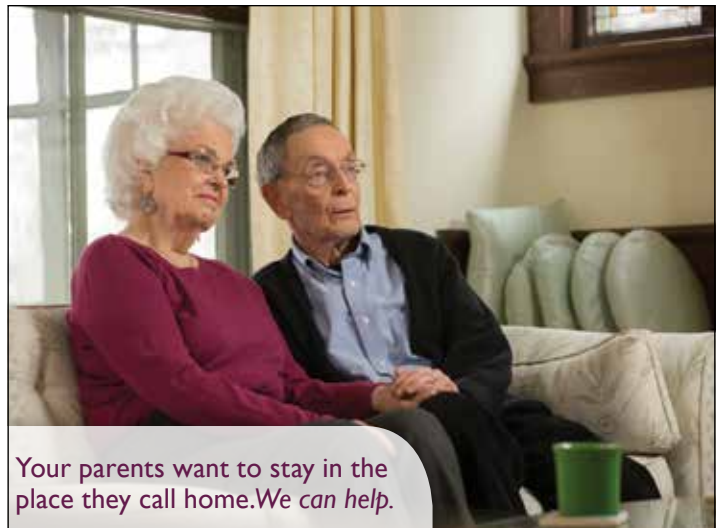
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# 4-alarm Relay for Life!

This year, four communities are combining their efforts in the fight against cancer. St. Clair Shores, Eastpointe, Grosse Pointe and Roseville will be hosting the Relay For Life of the Eastside. Their passion to make a more cancer-free world is truly inspiring.

Cancer survivors, caregivers, volunteers and community members will unite for the annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of the Eastside in an effort to create a world without cancer.

There will be live entertainment, activities for the kids, inspiring stories from cancer survivors and the opportunity to learn more about how you can join the fight against this terrible disease.

The Relay For Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to save lives from cancer. Uniting communities across the globe, Relays celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and take action for lifesaving change.

Funds raised help the American Cancer Society provide

free information and support for people facing the disease today, and fund cancer research that will help protect future generations. During Relay For Life events, members of each team take turns walking or running around the track or path. Teams participate in fundraising in the months leading up to the event. [P](#)



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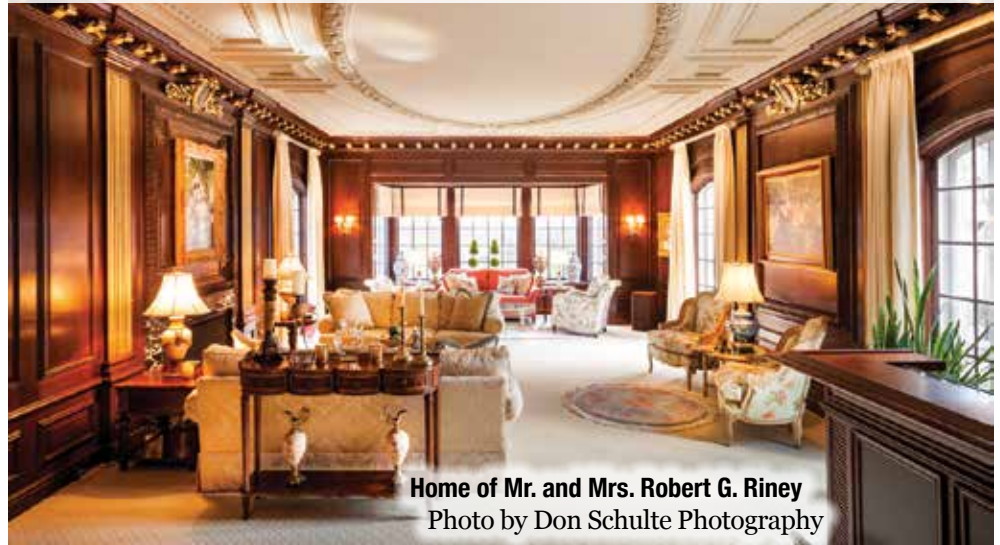


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# An Evening with Friends

## Honorary Chair Mrs. William Clay Ford to Welcome Guests



The Family Center's *An Evening with Friends* will provide an opportunity for guests to welcome summer, make friends and give back to the community Friday, June 9, from 6 to 9 p.m., in the distinctive home and gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Riney. The event will raise funds to continue the center's mission of serving the community through programs and resources vital to today's families.

"I'm pleased to be associated with an organization that has worked tirelessly for the last sixteen years to help individuals and families in need," says event Honorary Chair Mrs. William Clay Ford. "This unique event promises to be very successful and memorable, and I'm looking forward to seeing my fellow residents come together to help make a difference."

Tour the lovely Riney home and its extensive gardens while enjoying live entertainment, cocktails and a strolling gourmet dinner created by the renowned Chef Bobby Nahra. Specializing in fine-dining cuisine, Nahra is an accomplished restaurateur, caterer and event planner with extensive experience in social and corporate markets.

"Sandy and I are really looking forward to hosting this important gathering, and we thank Mrs. Ford for participating as honorary chair," says Robert G. Riney, president, healthcare operations and chief operating officer, Henry Ford Health System. "This event will be a great opportunity to enjoy an evening of friends and camaraderie, while being able to contribute to a terrific organization that really impacts families right here at home."

Tickets are limited, and can be reserved by calling (313) 432-3832 or go to [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org). Ticket and sponsorship levels include:

Individual: \$175

Partner: \$250 (one attendee)

Benefactor: \$500 (two attendees)

Patron: \$1,500 (four attendees)

Signature Sponsor: \$3,000 (six attendees)

Tribute Sponsor: \$5,000 (eight attendees)

Sponsor levels of Partner and above will be listed on prominent placards at the event and in the evening's program.


Proceeds and gifts will be matched 100 percent by the matching gift campaign created by Dr. Ronald and Diane Strickler, Family Center founder. All gifts made to The Family

Center during the 2017 calendar year, not just in conjunction with *An Evening with Friends*, will be matched 100 percent by the campaign. The Family Center is a 501(c)3 organization.

Also at the event, new members of the Ambassadors Circle will be introduced. They include Mary Alice Annecharico and Bob Simpson, Kay Agney and Bob Lucas, Elyse F. Jones, George R. McMullen Jr., Beline

and Tony Obeid, Debbie Palms, Katherine Palms, Lynn and Jack Schneider, Frank Wilberding and Mark Wollenweber.

The Ambassadors Circle was created to help spread the word about The Family Center and strengthen relationships within the community.

"Our ambassadors bring strong skills and have the perfect backgrounds to round out the circle, and we're excited to have them engaged in our mission," says Deborah A. Liedel, executive director, The Family Center. "Whether it's *An Evening with Friends*, The Ambassadors Circle, matching gift-giving opportunities or a variety of professional and volunteer roles, there are so many important ways people can get involved with The Family Center and help support Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods." 

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# DVTs — a.k.a. ‘vein clots’

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

As people travel for vacation, weddings and graduations this time of year, it seems like a good idea to talk about blood clots in the legs.

We have both superficial and deep veins in our legs, and both can get clots. Clots in the superficial veins are easier to diagnose as people can usually see and feel them since they are closer to the surface of the skin. They are usually red, painful and warm to the touch.



Deep vein clots — also called Deep Vein Thrombosis or DVT — are harder to diagnose as they are deep within the muscle. Many people feel only pain or pressure and have some swelling in the leg; others have no symptoms at all.

DVTs are the more dangerous of the two as a piece of the clot can break off and travel to the lungs. This is called a Pulmonary Embolus (PE) and can make it hard to breathe and even be fatal. Some risk factors for getting blood clots are obesity, pregnancy, having cancer, taking hormone medications such as birth control pills and immobility, such as in long airplane or car rides or bedrest after surgery.

Symptoms of a PE may include difficulty breathing, chest pain that gets worse with a deep breath, a fast heart rate or feeling light-headed or dizzy. DVTs can mostly be prevented by maintaining a healthy weight, not smoking, walking every two hours during long trips and wearing compression stockings.

If you have symptoms of either a DVT or PE seek medical attention right away.

*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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## MOVIN' ON UP AT MIKE'S!

By Karen Dybis

Mike LeFevre works nonstop for nearly eight months of the year at his popular Nautical Mile restaurant, Mike's on the Water. In his downtime, he travels the world to see new places, try new martinis and think up new things to add to his namesake eatery off of Jefferson Avenue in St. Clair Shores.

Based on this year's travels and his extensive idea board, LeFevre is finishing up the final details on another seating area for Mike's on the Water. The upstairs bar and deck area brings the restaurant an additional 50 seats, a one-of-a-kind water view and an upscale place to spend time with friends and family — one of LeFevre's favorite things to do.

The new deck area — the décor inspired by the sights he enjoyed as a tourist — is the latest addition to this former bathhouse. Since Mike's on the Water opened in 2011, LeFevre



Mike LeFevre loves the view from atop his soon-to-open Rooftop Deck overlooking the canal, Michigan Harbor and Lake St. Clair! Like the main deck, the Rooftop Deck will feature a covered bar, a favorite among Mike's regulars! Photo by Karen Dybis

has expanded its seating areas three times. And the demand from families, boaters and area residents has expanded right along with it.

"I wanted a rooftop bar and deck where everyone feels welcome and could have a terrific view of the lake," LeFevre says, pointing out the upscale wood flooring, intimate seating areas, brass portholes as well as the sailcloth tarps that will hang overhead to shade patrons as they enjoy drinks from the boat-shaped bar. And be sure to check out Mike's "Where in the World" map!

LeFevre also has expanded the restaurant's menu during the past six years, going from about 30 items to nearly 75 dining options. He added 14 new options for 2017, including a Meatball Sandwich, The "World" Club, Cheeseburger Soup and Chicken "Waldorf" Salad and more. Regular favorites,

including crowd-favorite perch and Mike's beloved Lobster Roll are, of course, still tops on the menu. Oh, and you can now have the lobster steamed with warm drawn butter.

When he's not greeting guests, thinking up new menu items or polishing his Snoopy collection, LeFevre is already thinking of what he's going to do next. He has plans to open a banquet room with an indoor miniature golf course in the attached warehouse building. He will add his personal museum there, giving kids of all ages a chance to see the Peanuts figures that mean so much to him. That project's construction will start soon, he says.

Follow Mike's progress on Facebook or his website, [www.mikesonthewater.com](http://www.mikesonthewater.com) — or better yet, stop in, say hello to Mike and enjoy! 🍷



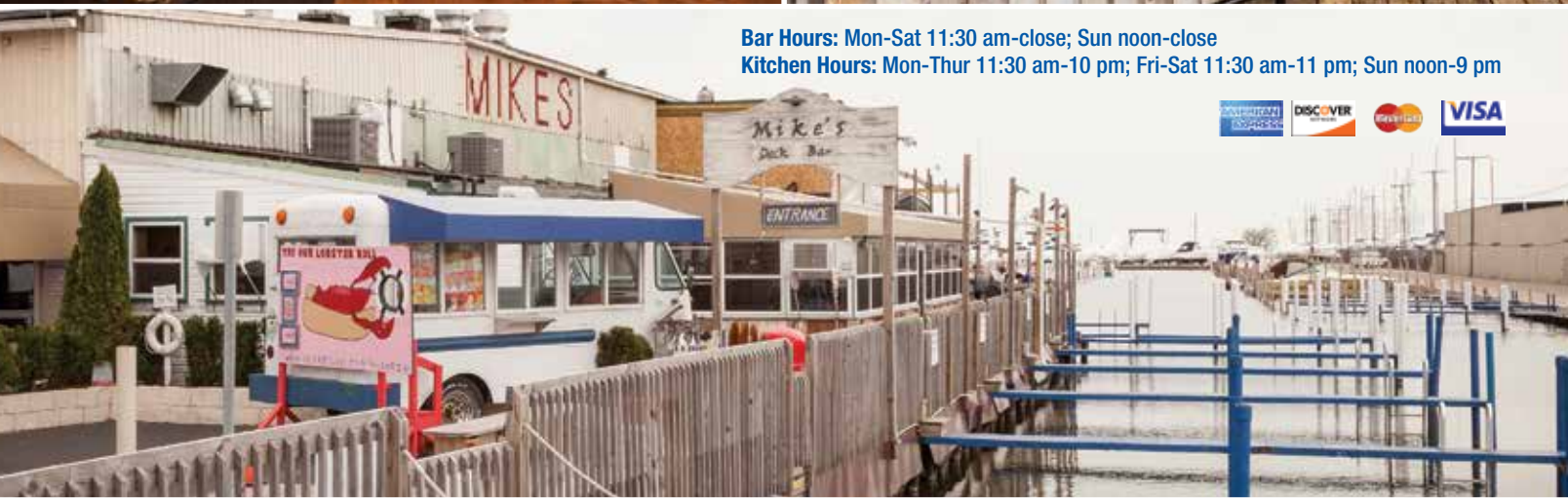
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# 2017 Mutt March

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By Joyce Wiswell

More than 1,200 people, 800 dogs, a few cats and perhaps even a bunny or two will converge at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House on Sunday, June 4 to raise funds for the Michigan Humane Society (MHS).

The annual Mutt March grows each year, says the MHS's Anna Chrisman, who notes that all are welcome — with or without furry friends.

“Folks are not obligated to bring their dogs, as sometimes that environment is too overwhelming for an animal,” she says. “I have three dogs, and I leave one at home.”

People can walk individually or as part of a team. The registration fee is \$25 and each participant is urged to raise at least \$384, “enough to assist two animals for the duration of their time with us,” says Chrisman.

“It’s one of our favorite annual events,” says Ford House’s Ann Fitzpatrick. “Josephine Ford had a



real love of dogs, so it’s a nice little connection.”

After the walk, drop your pooch at home and come back for a tour of the house (\$12), offered from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., have a casual lunch in the lovely Cotswold Café and further explore the stunning estate grounds.

“A lot of times people don’t realize you can go out onto Bird Island,” says Fitzpatrick. “It is just a wonderful wooded walk and you almost forget you are on the estate grounds.”

The sprawling acreage means lots of elbow room. “The great part is that there is so much beautiful space you never feel crowded when you are walking,” says

Chrisman, “even if there are 100 people next to you.”

The MHS operates three shelters that care for an average of 500 animals each day. They adopted out more than 9,000 pets in 2016 alone.

Registration is at 8 a.m., but walkers can start the course any time before noon. A variety of course lengths of up to 2.5 miles are available. Free parking is available across the street from the estate.

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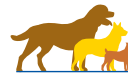
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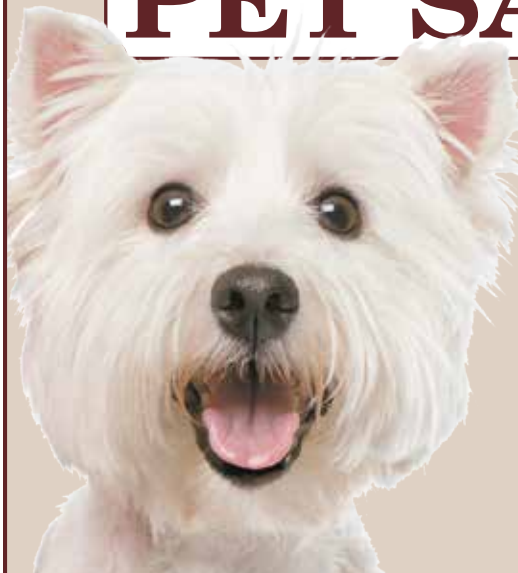
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# Rotary of Grosse Pointe



By Michael Cowan



Rotary of Grosse Pointe charges itself with making the local and surrounding communities better through various charitable ventures. One way the organization aims to enhance local education is through the money it raises on the fourth annual *Cruise for a Cause*, aboard the *Infinity*, a 117-foot yacht designed for socializing, to take in the sunset over Lake St. Clair on Thursday, June 8, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.


“Our *Cruise for a Cause* is an enchanting evening on the water with good people sharing great food,” says Grosse Pointe Rotary President Ted Everingham. “But it also is our primary fundraising event to support Rotary’s youth programs — scholarships for seniors at Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North and the leaders of our Interact Club at South as well as our Youth Exchange program.”

On the cruise, in addition to socializing, a strolling buffet, and dancing, a raffle will feature prizes such as a one-week

stay north of Rome, Italy, local dining opportunities and cases of select wines.

“All of the proceeds from the cruise support some form of youth programs for Grosse Pointe kids,” says Rotary Treasurer and event chair Paul Rentenbach. Last year, the organization raised over \$16,000 for scholarships for students and also supported an exchange student from Taiwan.

Rotary has “a strong, participative membership giving of our time, talent and treasure in innovative ways to enhance the living environment of the Grosse Pointes.” The group’s guiding principle, since its founding in 1937, has been “Service above Self.”

Tickets for the 2017 *Cruise for a Cause* are available to the public and can be purchased at [www.grossepointerotary.org](http://www.grossepointerotary.org). You can also contact Paul Rentenbach at (313) 300-7747 or by e-mailing [prentenbach@comcast.net](mailto:prentenbach@comcast.net). Tickets are \$150 per person. 



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# ANSTETT INDUCTED INTO MICHIGAN JOURNALISM HALL OF FAME

By Beth Quinn

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Pat Anstett was honored on April 9, 2017 for her long and illustrious writing career by being inducted into Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame.

The hall of fame recognizes individuals for their outstanding contributions to the profession in their communities, regions or state.

“I am so grateful to the Detroit Chapter of Women in Communications for nominating me for this honor,” says Anstett. “Going through the nomination process has brought back so many wonderful memories. I am honored and touched to be inducted.”

After graduating from Michigan State University where she wrote for the school’s newspaper, Anstett’s career took her through all aspects of the newspaper world. She started out as an editor at the daily college paper before working at *Chicago Today* and the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

After a three-year stint as a reporter in Washington, D.C., Anstett joined *The Detroit News* in 1978. She broke the gender barrier at the paper by being the first woman on its rewrite desk and its first female night city editor. In 1982, the *Detroit Free Press* hired Anstett as an editor in its features and news department.


Anstett found her true calling when she became the paper’s medical reporter in 1987. Since then, she has written about the health care industry no matter how thorny the subject. She frequently investigated and exposed malpractice and fraud within the health care profession. She was also part of a reporting team that provided a comprehensive look into Dr. Jack Kevorkian’s effort to provide physician-assisted suicide



for terminally ill patients.

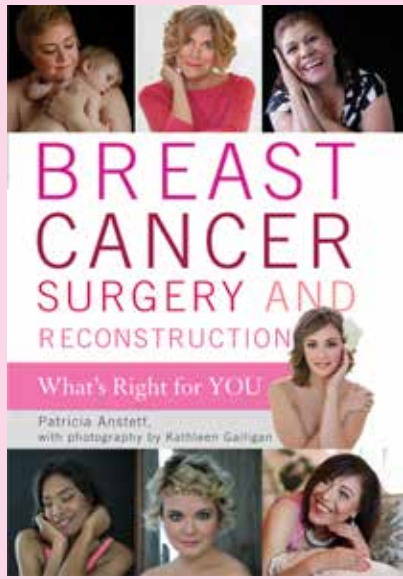
Since 1992, Anstett has been a pioneer increasing the public’s awareness of breast cancer. Due to her front-page reporting on mammography, not only did public perception and medical practices change, but state legislation was enacted to improve Michigan’s mammography standards.

Though Anstett retired from the *Detroit Free Press* in 2012, she continues

to write about breast cancer treatment. Her 2016 book *Breast Cancer Surgery and Reconstruction* has received praise from leading doctors and breast cancer groups. She utilizes various means to inform the public on the subject through speaking engagements, her website [www.bcsurgerystories.com](http://www.bcsurgerystories.com) and social media. 



Patricia Anstett, second from right, enjoys her induction into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame with her family, from left, Eric, Caitlin, Tim, (Pat) and Amy Kiska.



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# STAY-COLLEGE



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By Susan Bollinger

Going to college locally is an attractive option for Grosse Pointe students. Many excellent choices are available a short drive from Grosse Pointe:

## Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD)

**Drive time:** Eastern Campus: 15 minutes; Harper Woods Campus Center: 5 to 10 minutes.\*

**General information:** The college has expanded courses and programs based on student interests and market needs. WCCCD offers associate degrees in business, computer information systems, accounting, anesthesia technology, biomedical repair and more, and many certificate programs, including automotive technology, homeland security, renewable energy and gerontology.

According to Patrick McNally, Ed.D., assistant chancellor at WCCCD, “Our University Center is designed so students can take classes at one of

our eight university partners without leaving the county. Classes are taught at the Eastern Campus and Harper Woods Campus Center and go through the bachelor’s level. WCCCD has agreements and partnerships with many Michigan universities, so credits transfer seamlessly.”

**Cost:** For Wayne County residents, about \$3,000 for two full-time semesters.

**Admissions:** Complete an application for admission at [www.wcccd.edu](http://www.wcccd.edu) and submit it to your chosen campus.

**Find out more:** [www.wcccd.edu](http://www.wcccd.edu), call (313) 496-2634. Online advising: [info@wcccd.edu](mailto:info@wcccd.edu).

## University of Detroit Mercy

**Drive time:** 30 minutes

**General information:** A Catholic university with total enrollment of about 5,000 students. Academic programs include architecture, dentistry, business administration, engineering, nursing,

liberal arts, education and law. The university has 60 clubs and student organizations, 19 NCAA Division I athletic teams, and several community outreach programs serving Detroit area residents.

**Cost:** Tuition for full-time freshmen is about \$40,000 per year. On-campus housing adds about \$9,000 per year.

**Admissions:** Incoming freshman have an average GPA of 3.4 and ACT score of 24.

**Find out more:** [www.udmercy.edu](http://www.udmercy.edu) or email [admissions@udmercy.edu](mailto:admissions@udmercy.edu).

Grosse Pointe Park resident Robert Robson chose U-D Mercy mainly because of the close proximity to home, but he lives on campus. “When I want to come home, I’m a quick drive away. I joined a fraternity in the fall and love it — it’s a great way to get involved on campus and meet people.” He also says the national ranking of the business school was a plus. “I like the small school and the small classes. It’s almost like being tutored. There are 40



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students in my biggest class, and me and two others in my smallest one.”

### **Wayne State University**

**Drive time:** 20 minutes\*

**General information:** Total enrollment is about 27,000 students. The university has 13 schools and colleges and more than 340 academic programs, including business, education, engineering, medicine, nursing, library and information science and social work. The university has 250 student organizations and sponsors 18 NCAA Division II athletic teams.

**Cost:** Tuition for full-time freshmen is about \$18,000 per year. On-campus housing adds about \$5,600.

**Admissions:** Incoming freshman have an average GPA of 3.3 and ACT score of 23.

**Find out more:** [www.wayne.edu](http://www.wayne.edu) or email [studentservice@wayne.edu](mailto:studentservice@wayne.edu).

Pre-social work freshman Lucy Zublick graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. She says one of her favorite aspects of attending Wayne State is the diversity. “It is awesome and one of the best things about WSU. Once you get emerged into the school, you meet people from all over metro Detroit, hear new opinions, and professors are from all over.” Zublick lives with her parents in Grosse Pointe, but may move downtown in the future. “It’s great to learn responsibility with my family close by to support me,” she says. “The Grosse Pointe schools really prepared me for the work load of being a student in college.”

### **University of Michigan Dearborn**

**Drive time:** 30 minutes\*

**General information:** With 9,300 students, U-M Dearborn offers more than 100 majors and minors, including computer and information science, education, digital marketing,


political science and business. Students with a 3.5 or higher GPA and ACT score of 25 or higher are eligible for the school’s honors program. The school recently added student housing adjacent to campus.

**Admissions:** Incoming freshman have an average GPA of 3.63 and ACT score of 24.6.

**Cost:** Freshman tuition is about \$11,200 for the first year.

**Find out more:** [www.umdearborn.edu](http://www.umdearborn.edu) or email [umd-admissions@umich.edu](mailto:umd-admissions@umich.edu).

After going away to college, University Liggett graduate Jake Hodges transferred to U-M Dearborn. A mechanical engineering major and a senior, his college experience included playing varsity lacrosse. “Anyone with a reasonable amount of talent can walk on to a varsity sports team,” he says. Other advantages for Hodges were cost, small classes and professors who have worked in the industry and take a genuine interest in their students and their success. “It’s mainly a commuter school, so it’s important to find groups to join and create a network. I also spent time with engineering organizations and had the chance to design, manufacture and race formula electric vehicles with other students.”

Add to these choices Oakland University, College for Creative Studies, Lawrence Technological University, Baker College, Marygrove College and more, for an array of educational opportunities close to Grosse Pointe. 

\*Drive times are approximate, calculated from the center of Grosse Pointe to the campus address. Exact times will vary depending on traffic, parking and starting location.



### **University of Michigan Dearborn College of Engineering And Computer Science**

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# DAR YOUTH AWARDS



Photos by Patti Theros

The Daughters of the American Revolution Youth Citizenship Medals awarded to nine Grosse Pointe middle school students: from left, Jacob Harris (8th, Brownell), Alyse Applegate (7th, Brownell), Sarah McCloskey (6th Brownell), Maelisa Watkins (7th, Parcels), Cole Abke (6th, Parcels), Evie Klepp (7th, Pierce), Camille O'Mara (6th, Pierce), Jake McBride (8th, Pierce). They are pictured with Louisa St. Clair Chapter Regent Peggy King Scully. Not pictured is Fiona Flynn (8th, Parcels).

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution announced its Youth and Education Award recipients on Feb. 4 at its chapter meeting at the Country Club of Detroit.

The 2017 DAR Youth Citizenship Medals were awarded to nine Grosse Pointe middle school students as selected by their principal based on the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism.

The DAR American History (grades 5-8) Essay Contest Chapter Winners are Brownell Middle School 6th grade students: Sofia Guevara, 1st Place; Luke Faulkner, 2nd Place, and Anna Czech, 3rd Place; 7th grade student Olivia Frye, 1st place; and 8th grade student Zachary David Farrell, 1st place.

The 2017 DAR Good Citizen Chapter Winners are Adam Hafner of Grosse Pointe South and Nick Pez. Pez has been named a state finalist and was recognized at DAR of Michigan's State Awards in East Lansing.

DAR is a non-profit, non-political, volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.

The John Paul Jones Society, Children of the American Revolution co-hosted the luncheon. ☐



Louisa St. Clair Chapter Chair Betty McQueen with Benjamin Van Vechten (Van Vechten Christian Academy, SCS, 10th grade, 1st place) DAR Christopher Columbus Essay Contest winner, and Louisa St. Clair Chapter Regent, Peggy King Scully. Van Vechten has recently been named a State 1st place winner and will be considered for national recognition.

**Ms. Sullivan's Class at the Neighborhood Club in Grosse Pointe won the DAR Junior American Citizens Chapter "Celebrating 100 Years of Our National Parks" Award (banner category). The mixed-media, painted linen banner represents one of our National Parks. Pictured are Neighborhood Club instructors Lori Corden and Molly Howard with Louisa St. Clair Chapter Regent Peggy King Scully.**



# Editor's Pick Exceptional Grads 2017



**GROSSE POINTE NORTH**

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

**UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL**

Congratulations to Pointe Magazine Editor's Pick Exceptional Grads 2017! Grosse Pointe Public School System and University Liggett School officials nominated a selection of their highest achieving students, and from them we have chosen six who best exemplify all that Grosse Pointe education and opportunity have to offer.

After much consideration, we are pleased to welcome Mackenzie Simon and Wilson Moin from Grosse Pointe North, Kaitlin Malley and William Muawad from Grosse Pointe South and Maddie Wu and Antoni "TJ" Dulac from University Liggett School 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, Princeton 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.

# Editor's Pick Exceptional Grads

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

### *Mackenzie Simon*

**Parents:** Anne Simon and Mark Simon

**GPA:** 4.2 **ACT:** 33

**College:** University of Michigan and Boston College (currently undecided)

**Degree and career path:** I'd like to major in biology and become a dermatologist.



#### **Q&A:**

##### **What notable activities did you partake in at North?**

Varsity volleyball, swim teacher at Suntastic Swim School, National Honor Society, Norsemen KNOTS and Link Crew.

##### **What community service did you participate in?**

I volunteered in Thailand and India for three weeks in each country as an English teacher. I also volunteer at Full Circle.

##### **What are some of your most notable accomplishments?**

AP Scholar with Distinction

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

I'm most proud of taking the initiative to study abroad in Barcelona during the first semester of my senior year.

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

Grosse Pointe offers opportunities that most school systems lack and has also surrounded me with a group of smart, driven students.

##### **Who is your greatest inspiration?**

My parents.

##### **What advice would you give high school students?**

Get involved, push yourself academically and make the most out of these four years.

##### **What was the greatest challenge you undertook during high school?**

Balancing my course load with studying for the ACT during my senior year.

##### **Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

I see myself in medical school or completing my residency to become a dermatologist.

### *Wilson Moin*

**Parents:** Wilson and Kimberly Moin

**GPA:** 4.25 **ACT:** 35

**College:** Undecided. I have been accepted to Cornell University, Alabama University, University of Michigan and Vanderbilt University.

**Degree and career path:** I plan to study math or accounting, with a minor in Spanish.

Afterwards, I hope to work in some form of law enforcement, specifically at the FBI or another federal agency.



#### **Q&A:**

##### **What notable activities did you partake in at North?**

Managing editor of *North Pointe*, football, wrestling (captain), Norsemen KNOTS and National Honor Society

##### **What community service did you participate in?**

Volunteer at St. Ambrose Church fish fries during Lent and aid in catechism classes for two years

##### **What are some of your most notable accomplishments?**

AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit Commended Scholar, eight-time Scholar Athlete, Macomb County Wrestling All-County team honorable mention, multiple Michigan Interscholastic Press Association awards for page design, third place award from National Scholastic Press Association for alternative story form

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

My proudest achievement would have to be qualifying for the individual regional tournament for wrestling this year. After four years of hard work, I fell just four seconds short of qualifying for the state tournament. Since most of my opponents had around two times as much experience as me, it's rewarding to know that I came so close, even if I didn't get there.

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

This school system has truly been a blessing. The teachers work tirelessly to instill strong work ethics and creativity. In fact, without the help of my second-grade teacher, Pamela Liagre, I wouldn't be on this path of academic success.

##### **Who is your greatest inspiration?**

God. My faith is of the utmost importance to me. He has blessed me in countless ways, and but for those blessings, I would be nothing. He is my inspiration, and most everything I do, except for playing video games, is for Him.





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## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

### Kaitlin Malley



**Parents:** Matthew and Kasey Malley

**GPA:** 4.39 **ACT:** 35

**College:** Boston College

**Degree and career path:**

I plan on majoring in either biochemistry or biology and hope to pursue a career in medicine.

#### Q&A:

**What notable activities did you partake in at South?**

Class of 2017 Student Council Secretary, National Honor Society Secretary, DECA, 4-Year Varsity Swimming, 4-Year Varsity Sailing and tutor for underclassmen

**What community service did you participate in?**

SOAR Tutoring, Summer in the City, Global Health mission abroad in the Dominican Republic

**What are some of your most notable accomplishments?**

Wellesley College Book Award, AP Scholar, National Merit Commended Student

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

I designed the homecoming float for our class all four years. Watching them come to life and get paraded down the street was pretty amazing.

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

Throughout my 13 years in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, my teachers have made the greatest impact on me. They not only encouraged and challenged me as a student, but so many of them truly cared about me as a person.

**Who is your greatest inspiration?**

My parents. They definitely help to inspire my success, but also continually remind me not to take life too seriously. Life at my house is always fun and full of laughter.

**What advice would you give high school students?**

I would remind incoming students to stay focused in school, but also to take advantage of the many clubs, communities and sports high school has to offer. Looking back, the activities I did outside of school provided the best memories and made me the person I am today.

**What was the greatest challenge you undertook during high school?**

My biggest challenge was finding a healthy balance between school, sports and extracurriculars. Each was incredibly important, so it took me a while to learn how to find time for all three.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

In 10 years, I hope to be pursuing a career in the medical field.

### William Muawad



**Parents:** Ron and Amy Muawad

**GPA:** 4.05 **ACT:** 33

**College:** University of Michigan

**Degree and career path:** BS

in Engineering. Right now I'm interested in Environmental Engineering and Environmental Sustainability, but that might change.

#### Q&A:

**What notable activities did you partake in at South?**

Student Association Treasurer and Senator, *Tower* Staff Writer, National Honor Society, Freshman, JV and Varsity Soccer, as well as travel soccer, Turn of the Tide Marital Arts, Momentum Adventure Ski Camp in Whistler, BC (June 2015 and 2016) and employed at Cornwall Bakery

**What community service did you participate in?**

During high school, much of my community service has been student leading and teacher assisting at Turn of the Tide Martial Arts. I have also tutored through NHS and volunteered at St. Ambrose.

**What are some of your most notable accomplishments?**

Outside of my academic accomplishments, I am most proud of earning my 1st degree black belt in Tang Soo Do. Besides self-defense, karate has taught me to remain calm under stress, to consider consequences, to be a leader and to respect everyone around me. For this I thank my instructor, Lisa Santi.

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

The biggest benefits of receiving a Grosse Pointe education are the opportunities to explore your interests, excel at what you're naturally good at and to challenge yourself at everything else, with the support of really great teachers and resources.

**Who is your greatest inspiration?**

From ages 8 to 14, Dean Graham was my baseball coach. From winter workouts, to two-a-day practices in the summer, to winning the U11 State Little League championship, Coach Graham taught me that if I'm disciplined in my work, whatever it is, success will follow. Coach Graham still inspires me to always "Find a Way."

**What advice would you give high school students?**

My advice is to take school seriously, but don't let the pressure of grades and standardized tests dominate your life. Have fun and find balance. High school is only partly about academics. Enjoy these four amazing years that help shape who you are.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Ten years from now I expect to be working as an engineer, living in the Rocky Mountains and skiing as much as possible. I might be married by then. And I'm definitely going to have a dog.

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# Editor's Pick Exceptional Grads

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

### Maddie Wu

**Parents:** Dr. David Wu and Dr. Bernadine Wu  
**GPA:** 4.1 **ACT score:** 34  
**College:** Princeton University  
**Degree and career path:** I am currently undecided. I have a wide variety of interests, and I am very excited to explore the liberal arts curriculum at Princeton.



#### Q&A:

##### What notable activities did you partake in at Liggett?

Four years of Varsity Cross Country (captain senior year), four years of Varsity Soccer (captain senior year), four years as Class Appointed Student Commissioner, two years as Liggett Relay for Life Team Leader (among many others)

##### What are some of your most notable accomplishments?

National Merit Semifinalist, Terrill Newnan, TíJuan Kidd Prize, Chinese Award, Class of '44 cup, Williams College Book Award, Thelma Fox Murray Scholarship, Cum Laude Society, Gushee Award, Marcus Award, Most Faithful Knightengale (among many others)

##### What community service did you participate in?

During the summer of my junior year, I volunteered at Full Circle Foundation and taught physically and mentally challenged students how to play piano. The experience made me realize that I wanted to focus my education on improving the lives of others. I also was one of our school's Relay for Life team leaders. Last year, our team set a school record with \$3,641.26.

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

I am most proud of winning a state championship in soccer during my junior year!

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

With Liggett being a smaller school, students are able to participate in a multitude of activities. Finally, the teachers are the biggest benefit of a Liggett and Grosse Pointe education.

##### What was the greatest challenge you undertook during high school?

My greatest challenge was during my sophomore year when I auditioned for the school musical. I had never participated on stage in a musical, so it was difficult becoming acclimated on stage. However, it was an enriching experience.

##### What advice would you give high school students?

Try new things. Even if you do not think you are interested in a particular activity, try it out! It could become one of your passions.

##### Who is your greatest inspiration?

My family, my coaches (Coach Bachmans, Coach Dwaihy and Coach Knote) and Dr. Moss are my greatest inspirations. They push me to strive for excellence every day and are all wonderful role models for me.

##### Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years, I am hopefully happy, healthy and doing what I love to make the world a better place!

### Antoni 'TJ' Dulac

**Parents:** Lisa Manz-Dulac and Gerard Dulac  
**GPA:** 4.298 **ACT score:** 34  
**College:** Deep Springs College  
**Degree and career path:** Although undecided on my major, I plan to earn a Bachelor's Degree and hope to continue with graduate level studies as well.



#### Q&A:

##### What notable activities did you partake in at Liggett?

Varsity Tennis, Varsity Track, Varsity Cross Country, GPYC Swim Team, Boy Scouts, self-taught guitar, tennis stringing business and tennis coach for summer program with Eastside Tennis and Fitness

##### What community service did you participate in?

Since 9th grade, I have volunteered teaching tennis year-round at Palmer Park Tennis Academy, coaching groups consisting of 5-15 Detroit youth for several hours a week. Following a mission trip in 2015 for Haiti and Africa Relief Team (HART), a nonprofit based out of St. Paul Parish, I have been HART's Secretary and a member on its Board of Directors.

##### What are some of your most notable accomplishments?

Cum Laude Honor Society, Eagle Scout, National Merit Scholar Honoree, Brown Book Award (11th grade), Terrill Newnan Scholar (9th, 10th and 11th grades), Jeanette M. Liggett History Award (10th grade), Hugh Stalker Prize (10th grade) and Liggett Merit Scholar (all four years)

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

Being honored an Eagle Scout in front of my friends and family.

##### What was the greatest challenge you undertook during high school?

An especially challenging course that I took at Liggett was Entropy and the Human Condition. Exploration of novels, such as Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, carried me beyond my analytical comfort zone.

##### Who is your greatest inspiration?

Although my parents are the clear choice of my principal supporters throughout high school, my greatest inspiration from Liggett is my adviser, Mr. Bronk.

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

Accessibility to a wide breadth of well-spoken, successful people, providing considerable contact to ideal mentorship and model behavior, and a peer group that challenges and elevates my education.

##### What advice would you give high school students?

Treat this transition from high school to college as a holistic process. It is an opportunity to both lean into unfamiliar experiences and look inward, to help you discover more about yourself.

##### Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Currently, I am concentrated on my years to come in college; however, I hope to expose myself to a number of cultures and environments within the next 10 years. This will hopefully find form in travel to different parts of the world, particularly across South America.

# 529 Plans

By **Lina Bowman**

For families who are saving and paying for education, federal tax breaks are a great way to ease the financial burden. A qualified tuition program (529 plan) is just one of the options. Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code established two types of qualified tuition savings programs: college savings plans and prepaid tuition plans. This article focuses on state-sponsored prepaid plans.



Contributions to prepaid plans are made with after-tax dollars. The earnings grow tax-deferred, and distributions are tax-free when used for qualified postsecondary education costs.

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529 prepaid tuition plans are treated as an asset of the account owner and reported on the federal financial aid application (just as 529 savings plans are). Parent-owned plans have minimal financial aid impact because they are assessed at a maximum rate of 5.64 percent. Plans owned by grandparents have no financial aid impact, as they are not required to be disclosed on the financial aid application.

In addition to 529 plans, other options for saving and paying for education are available. Call or email us for more information.

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# SKIER CHERISHES SPECIAL MOMENT

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By Brian Marshall

A jubilant smile creased the face of Chloe Fox as she reminisced about her glorious moments in the mountains of Austria.

Fox, of Grosse Pointe, was home after competing in the Special

Olympics World Winter Games in Graz, Schladming and Ramsau, Austria from March 14-25.

Fox earned gold and silver medals for her skiing prowess as a member of the United States Special Olympics team. She won the Alpine

Novice Slalom and took second in the Alpine Novice Giant Slalom.

Her face lit up when asked about the moment when she accepted her medals.

“It was amazing. I was happy to bring home a medal for the U.S. and did as well as we did,” Fox says.

About 2,700 athletes from 107 countries competed in the Olympics. Fox enjoyed the social aspect of the event as much as the athletic realm.

“I liked meeting the other competitors and just hanging out with the other teams,” she says. “We were sightseeing and traveling around the Olympic villages.”

As for the slopes, there was no preparation in Michigan for what Fox would find in Austria.

“They have mountains, not just a ski hill,” she says. “It was really different from what I’m used to. It was a lot harder than I thought it would be.”

Chloe’s mother, Kim Fulgenzi, wasn’t able to make the trip, but followed from afar.

“We watched on TV,” Fulgenzi says. “It was rough there because it was so warm and rainy. She said it was like slush. But she did it, came home with the gold and silver so we were super proud of her.”

Fox, 26, and a Grosse Pointe North graduate, won at the state games to get a shot at going to Austria.

She made the trip, and the rest is Olympic history. 



Chloe Fox, center, celebrates earning gold and silver medals in the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria.

# Why plan?

By Jon B. Gandelot

Estate planning is much more than “death” planning. Planning — any type of planning — is about preparing for an event or series of events. While it is certain that no one is immortal, good planning is more about passing family values, traditions and wealth to loved ones and/or charities. It also involves the “what ifs.” Disability is a large issue, particularly as we age. Who will take care of you if you are no longer able to take care of yourself? If that caretaker is unable or unwilling to take care of you, is there a backup plan? Is the named caretaker able to handle your bills and manage your money? If not, is there someone else who will handle the money? Do the caretaker and the money person get along well with each other?



Other matters to consider are end-of-life issues. Most states, Michigan included, have statutes in which a person can set forth in writing what he/she does or does not want in the way of life support and to name an agent (patient advocate) to make those wishes known if he/she unable to do so. These documents should be reviewed regularly to ensure that your wishes are the same and that the patient advocate is still willing to serve.

Michigan’s new “Funeral Representative” law allows you to name an agent to handle funeral, burial/cremation and disposition decisions. Such a document is especially important in blended family situations.

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

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# THE WAR MEMORIAL CELE



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Sponsored by the Wins for Warriors Foundation, The War Memorial is setting aside an entire week to honor our community's veterans, military service members and their families with special programs and events leading up to Memorial Day.

The week includes three programs: Our Community Salutes; An Evening of Red, White and Blue and the annual Memorial Day Service. All events will be held at The War Memorial.

◆ The War Memorial's fourth annual Our Community Salutes — Tuesday, May 23, at 7 p.m. — enlistee recognition ceremony celebrates high school students who are enlisting in the armed services after graduation. As their proud families look on, Metro Detroit's courageous young men and women will be honored as they take the oath of office administered by Maj. Gen. Clark W. LeMasters Jr. Retired Col. Mary "Crickett" LeMasters will also provide remarks.

The Motor City Brass Band will perform patriotic music.

The event is free, open to the public



and will be held on the lakefront lawn. No registration is required.

◆ An Evening of Red, White and Blue — Thursday, May 25, at 6 p.m. — is the War Memorial's premiere gala event, during which our heroes are honored and funds are raised in support of The Patriot Initiative. The initiative provides financial gifts to impactful organizations focused on honoring and serving veteran causes. Guests will enjoy cocktails in the historic Alger estate courtyard, exquisite dining in the beautiful lakefront ballroom, and fireworks overlooking Lake St. Clair.

The evening will include the presentation of two awards: Gary Peters, U.S. senator, will receive the Spirit of Service Award; Justin Verlander and Wins for Warriors Foundation will receive the Spirit of Community Award. Christie Williams, executive director and CEO of Wins for Warriors Foundation, will accept the award on behalf of Verlander.

Tickets are available for \$175 for the entire evening (6–10 p.m.), or \$50 for the Fireworks Afterglow only (8:30–10 p.m.). Tickets can be purchased at [www.warmemorial.org/gala](http://www.warmemorial.org/gala), or by calling



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◆ Memorial Day Service — Monday, May 29, at 10 a.m. — The War Memorial's week of service and honor culminates in the traditional Memorial Day Service. This moving ceremony takes place on the lakefront lawn as those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country are honored and remembered.

Maj. Gen. David G. Bassett, U.S. Army Program Executive Officer for Ground Combat Systems, will speak. Also participating are members of the Grosse Pointe Veterans Club, local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, the Ritual Firing Team of V.F.W. Bruce Post 1146, Knights of Columbus and the Grosse Pointe American Legion.

The event features a reading of the names of fallen Grosse Pointe service members from all military branches, followed by the Tolling of the Bell and a Rifle Salute. An Honor Guard will perform the Advancing and Placing of Colors, and patriotic music will be provided by the Motor City Brass Band. A military fly-over from Selfridge Air National Guard Base will also feature in the day's ceremony.

The Service will conclude with a moment of solemnity, featuring

Amazing Grace performed on bagpipes.

The Memorial Day Service is free, open to the public and attended by hundreds of members of the community.

Guests are welcome to experience the Service from their boats. No registration is required. ☐

# AHEES TO BE HONORED



By Beth Newhart

In its fourth year, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Legacy on the Lake will once again be honoring one of Grosse Pointe's most committed families. Joining past recipients — the Cotton Family, the Boll Family and Edward J. Russell III — those gathered at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House on June 21 will pay homage to the Edmund T. Ahee Family for all they have done for the community.

"The Ahee Family was chosen because they clearly embody what the event is about," says David S. Balle, chair of the event. "The Ahees are well known not only for their deep commitment to a thriving and healthy Grosse Pointe, but for having established a legacy of philanthropy throughout the metro Detroit area."

Three generations of Ahees have lived and worked in Grosse Pointe for more than 75 years, and although

everyone has come to expect high-level service when visiting their Mack Avenue store, their stewardship goes above and beyond. Balle credits their charity and friendship as further accomplishments.

"Together, they personify living the mandate of being a person for others," says Balle.

While strolling cocktails and dancing under the stars at Ford House are most enjoyable for all, the event itself means so much to the recipients. Kristine B. Mestdagh, daughter of John and Marlene Boll, felt blessed to be part of last year's festivities.

"God has blessed our family in so many ways, and this was a great opportunity for us to be a part of bringing our



# AT LEGACY ON THE LAKE



**Edmund T. Ahee Family**

Photo by John F. Martin Photography



Photo by Donald Schulte

**2016 Honorees: The Boll Family**  
Marlene and John Boll with daughter  
Kristine Mestdagh



Photo by Donald Schulte


beautiful community together and to celebrate Grosse Pointe,” she says. “This year, the Grosse Pointe Chamber is honoring an amazing family, the Ahees. They are very well known and loved by all and have a very special place in our family’s heart.”



Proceeds for this year’s event will be used to launch the second phase of the Chamber’s “I Heart GP” campaign,

according to Chamber Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher. This marketing effort will continue to attract more customers to businesses in the Grosse Pointes as well

as local non-profit organizations.

Legacy on the Lake will be held June 21. Tickets are \$175 per person or a table of 10 for \$1,750. To purchase, visit [grossepointechamber.com](http://grossepointechamber.com) or call (313) 881-4722. 

# Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration XXXVI



The Ahee family and friends at last year's event.

## AHEE JEWELERS TO HOST 'WILD WEST' AT COMERICA PARK

Edmund t. AHEE jewelers will host the 36th annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration at Comerica Park to benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen June 10 at 7:30 p.m. Guests are invited to kick up their heels and enjoy a western style evening under the stars.

A spectacular fireworks presentation will commence at 10:30 p.m. followed by the raffle drawing.

Over \$30,000 of fine jewelry and timepieces will be raffled at the event, including pieces from Rolex, Roberto Coin, David Yurman, Ippolita, Shinola, Tag Heuer and Ahee. The grand prize includes a Ladies Rolex Datejust watch valued at \$11,650. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each; need not be present to win. All proceeds go directly to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Every corner of the park will be filled with great entertainment including live music and surprises throughout the night.

Food and cocktails will be available at The Tiger Club, Pepsi Porch and additional locations throughout the park.



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, Bettejean, and their seven children in 1981.

Dressy summer attire is suggested. All are welcome to attend, 21 years of age or older. Admission is free, valet and complimentary self parking are available. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Ahee Jewelers, The Capuchin Center, or during the event at Comerica Park.

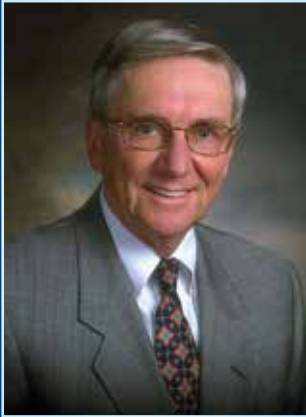
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# Summer ON THE Lake

By Joyce Wiswell

After watching the painstaking construction process at 671 Lake Shore Road, party-goers will get to experience the stunning property up close at the June 16 gala fundraiser for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

Chad and Katy Krueger are opening their coastal Craftsman-style home for the event, dubbed *Summer on the Lake*. Completed in 2015, the house was built over several years and includes many historic touches like Pewabic tile, flooring from the fence of an 1890s Kentucky horse farm and a mantelpiece from a nearby estate.

“Some people feel like they already know the family,” says Patti Theross, a Historical Society board member who sits on the gala committee. “Driving by, we have all been charmed by the four Adirondack chairs out front — two big and two smaller — and especially when a fifth was added for their new baby.”

The property has a storied history dating to its origins in the 18th century as a narrow ribbon farm. It has been the site of several mansions over the years,

including one built by Robert P. Scherer, inventor of the gelatin drug capsule.

The present home’s spacious grounds function as a shared park for four generations of the Krueger family.

*Summer on the Lake* includes docent-guided tours of the house, historic cars on display, a complimentary portrait by photographer John F. Martin and a tented party with a strolling supper and entertainment.

Tickets are \$150; guests ages 29 and under can enjoy a “20-something Experience” at the reduced price of \$75. Proceeds from the event — always a sell-out — benefit the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, which protects and shares local history through programs, lectures, exhibits



and activities. The gala has been held each year since 2004, and last year’s event netted more than \$65,000. 

Visit [www.gphistorical.org](http://www.gphistorical.org) or call (313) 884-7010 for tickets. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

# Handyman is a must

By Anna Bartolotta

Can you fix this broken (insert broken item here)? Having a reliable handyman on your team is something that can literally

make or break you. A person with a vast knowledge of home repairs is an invaluable component when you are renting your investment property. Sure, you can call a



contractor for a small problem, but please don't expect a small bill in return.

A handyman is someone who can investigate and evaluate your current issue and then perhaps repair while they are there; a smaller bill will then follow.

Please do not get me wrong, contractors are also a valuable resource and you should have a stable of them at the ready at all times, but for the smaller jobs you need a handyman in your holster.

A handyman can be a man or a woman, doing this full time or as a side job and can even be someone retired and bored out of their mind. How to find a good reliable handyman can be hard work and keeping them can even be harder. You may even find yourself working full time looking for that special handyman in your life but don't give up, they are out there willing and ready to work.

You have purchased this investment property for a reason, and you must ensure it is kept up to allow a positive cash flow for you. Making repairs may seem like a small issue to some but happy tenants stay, unhappy tenants leave. Period.

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# EYESON DESIGN CELEBRATES 30TH YEAR

By Robert Musial

Grosse Pointe’s EyesOn Design automotive design exhibition celebrates its 30th year this Father’s Day by showcasing more than 250 of the best-looking and most interesting vehicles ever made.

Held on the grounds of Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, the show will highlight the body styles that helped define car design over the years.

The categories include vintage concept cars, convertibles and four-door hardtops, classic touring cars, rumble-seat roadsters and cars built in Ypsilanti and Willow Run, such as the Tucker, Kaiser-Frazier and Corvair.

Also shown will be mid-1960s fastbacks and “pony” cars, traditional hot rods and post-war British roadsters.

Highlights include groups of Lincolns and Lincoln Continentals, Camaros and Firebirds, Crosleys and an exhibit of classic British motorcycles and American farm tractors.

The annual EyesOn Design event has been called “one of the rare concours to focus on design rather than collectability” by *The New York Times* and named as one of America’s top five car shows by *USA Today*.

The show is also unique in doing away with roped-off displays so visitors can admire and photograph their favorites up close.

As part of the weekend, visual futurist Syd Mead will be honored with EyesOn Design’s Lifetime Design Achievement Award at the black-tie dinner on June 16 at The War Memorial. He was

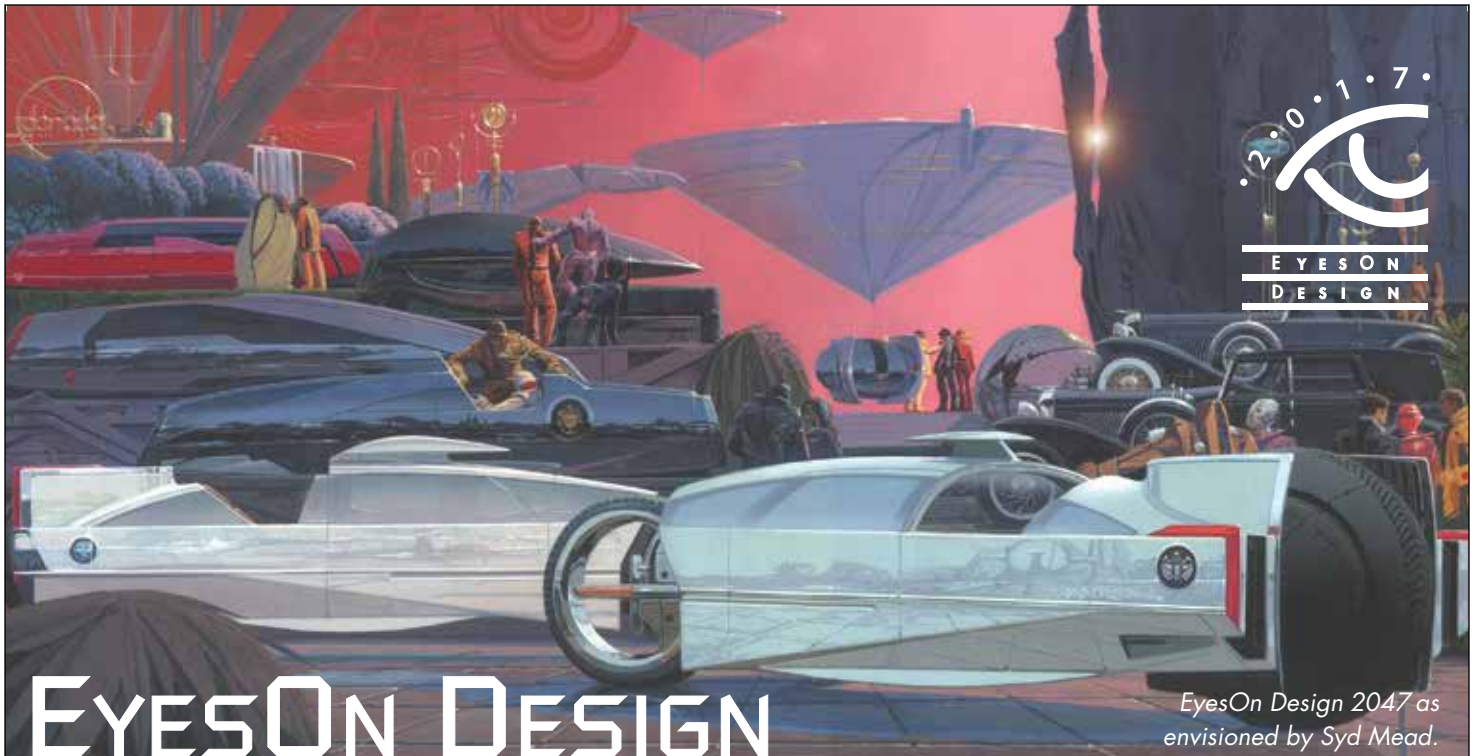
selected by top car designers who have previously earned the award.

EyesOn Design was created as a fundraiser for the non-profit Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology in Grosse Pointe Park, which is part of Henry Ford Health System’s Department of Ophthalmology.

The show honors its mission by having visually-impaired judges don soft cotton gloves to examine a special group of collectors’ cars to determine their own best-of-show.

The EyesOn Design car show is 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 18, at Ford House, and also features an elegant lakeside brunch. Car show tickets are \$25. Visit [www.eyesondesign.org](http://www.eyesondesign.org) for more info and a complete schedule. [P](#)





# EYESON DESIGN

*EyesOn Design 2017 as envisioned by Syd Mead.*

## Friday, June 16:

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By Anne Erickson

When it comes to summertime in Grosse Pointe, Music on the Plaza is a key component. “Music on the Plaza is really part of the fabric of Grosse Pointe summer living,” says Melissa Bunker, event coordinator for the Grosse Pointe Village Downtown Development Authority. “Summer means boating on the lake, swim meets at the park and concerts Thursday nights in The Village.”

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Music on the Plaza in the Village of Grosse Pointe. The 2017 series takes place at the Village Festival Plaza 7 p.m. Thursdays from June 8 through Aug. 3, except for July 27, due to the Sidewalk Sale. The rain location is at Maire School.

A few acts on the bill this year include Devin Scillian of Grosse Pointe Park and the Sun Messengers out of Detroit.

“We try to bring some fun tunes that are upbeat and toe tapping,” Bunker says. “We prioritize local musicians, and, generally, we have highlighted many types of jazz.”

Bunker says the vision for Music on the Plaza is simply to bring a fun, family-friendly and free event to the community. “It’s low key, there are no tickets and it’s fun,” she says. “Also, we like to bring people to The Village who might not have come before.”

“We encourage patrons to come early and shop or enjoy dinner, and they can stay late for an ice cream or drink,” she adds.

Bunker loves to see attendees take in the free-flowing music.

“The best is watching three generations of families have fun — the little girls and boys who dance in front of the stage,” she says. “Watching adults too who grab a hand, and it’s like they are 18 again.”

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# Meet Susan

<b>Name</b>	Susan Stefani
<b>Age</b>	60
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe City
<b>Occupation</b>	Owner, Susie at Home



## Susie at Home

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## About Susan

Susan and husband David are the parents of two children, Michael, 29, and Susie, 23.

Susan, along with her mother, Angie, manufacture fashion jewelry that has been sold nationwide for over 25 years.

Her hobbies include needlepoint, cooking and music.

### What was your first job?

My first job was a sales associate at Jacobson's in The Village.

### Why did you want to become a boutique owner?

I have always had a passion for home accessorizing as well as fashion jewelry. The concept for the store seemed to have a unique fit in our community!

### What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?

I love spending time with my family, cooking and walking the beach.

### What is your next goal?

Help to bring joy and beauty to one's home and to meet new friends along the way.

### What is the best advice you have received?

Be respectful and kind in how you treat people as you go up the ladder as they may be the ones holding it as you come down.

### If you weren't a boutique owner what would you be?

I would like to be an elementary school teacher. Little ones bring laughter to life!

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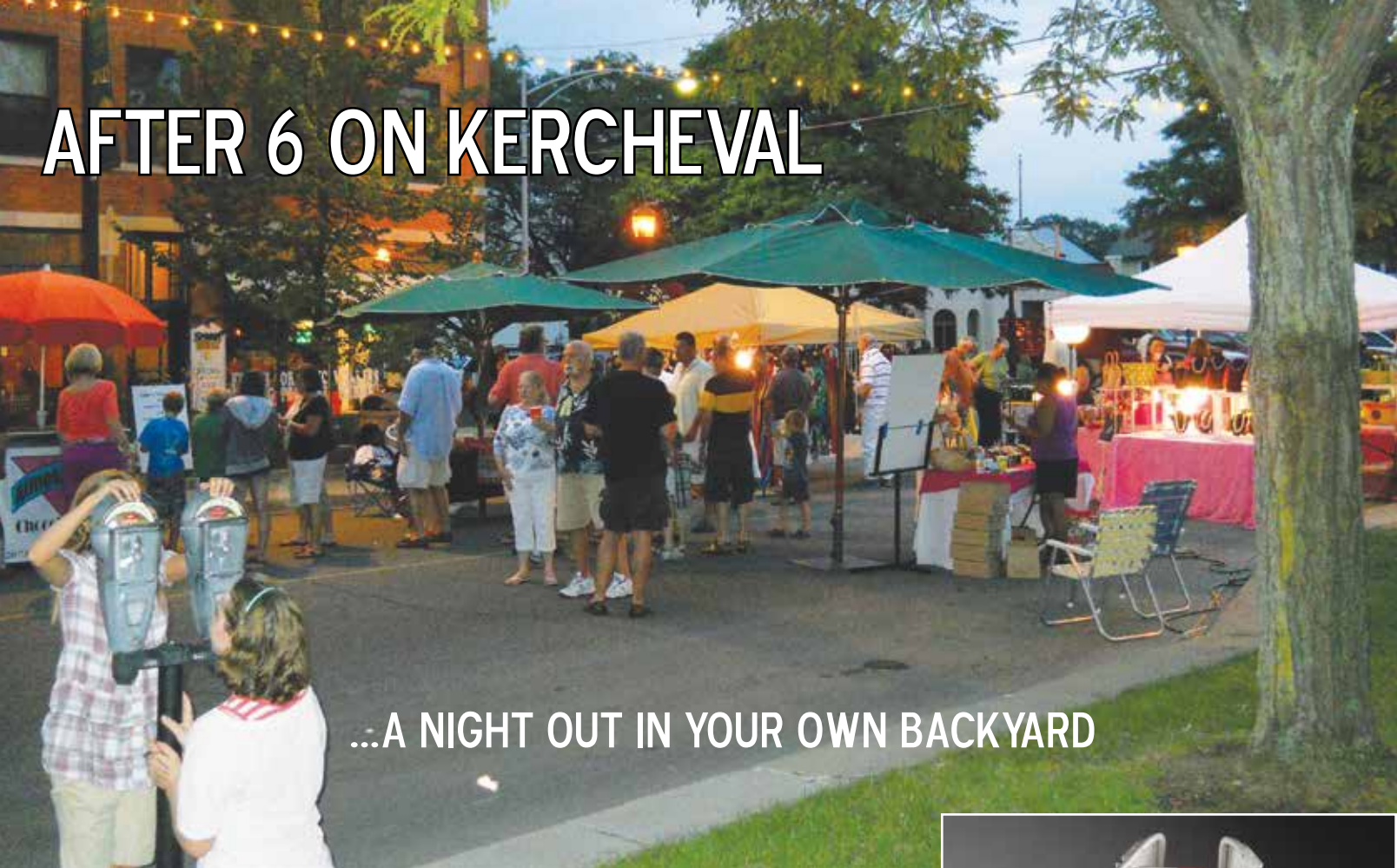
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# AFTER 6 ON KERCHEVAL



...A NIGHT OUT IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

By Anthony Viola

Robins flitting in the front yard, the cicada's vibrato call through a warm night, music and laughter floating across the neighborhood — it can mean only one thing, summer is here and with it After 6 on Kercheval.

This year, the popular summer event will take place on Saturdays, June 24, July 22 and Aug. 26 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. During those times, Kercheval will be blocked off to car traffic between Maryland and Nottingham in Grosse Pointe Park, and the street will be turned into a family-friendly street fair.

With After 6 entering its fifth official year, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Chad Craig is proud to be bringing in the Detroit Circus, which includes stilt walkers, fire breathers and aerial and ground acts; Mark Rosenthal and his award-winning Animal Magic show; and skateboarding, inline and BMX demonstrations sponsored by Modern Skate and Surf and Albe's BMX and Skateboard Shop. There will also be live bands playing every night, including the

Adam Allen Band, Nick Kuhl and the Gang and Soul Provider. Other special offerings include a Ferris wheel, a 32-foot 3D rock-climbing wall and dance performances.

"I want to see families coming here instead of going somewhere else to have a great time," Craig says. "I want to provide a night out in your own backyard."

"We put a little bit of everything in there," Craig says. "We have the rides for the kids but have the entertainment, the bands and the beer, for the parents."

The event also helps promote the businesses in the area, many of which are sponsors or will be open during the evening.

Be sure to stay up-to-date with times and activities for After 6 on Kercheval by checking the Grosse Pointe Park Facebook page, website and the Grosse Pointe Park Communicator.

And remember:

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Josh Hull and Trevor Stahl will again compete in the Stars and Stripes speedster, a crowd favorite!



Team Stahl: Ted and Mary Stahl with sons Brett and Dan

## GREAT RACE MAKING A STOP AT STAHL'S AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM ON JUNE 30!

If you are a vintage car fan or are just looking for a unique and fun away to spend a few hours on a Friday afternoon, mark your calendar for June 30 at the Stahls Auto Museum in Chesterfield. The classic car road rally known as the Great Race, with a route that stretches 2,600 miles from Jacksonville, Fla. to Traverse City, has a scheduled stop at the museum on June 30 for lunch.

Museum founders and Great Race participants Ted and Mary Stahl are looking forward to sharing this experience with area residents. "We hope as many folks as possible come out to view and cheer on 130 Great Race drivers and navigators as they arrive in Chesterfield for a lunch stop," says Ted Stahl. "If you happen to be a car enthusiast," adds Mary Stahl, "this is a once in a lifetime event that's great for families!"

The Great Race is a family affair for the Stahls, and this is the seventh year in a row that Ted and Mary Stahl, of Grosse Pointe, are participating. All racers compete in original antique or classic cars — any car up through model year 1972 is eligible — and Ted and Mary will be driving their 1967 GTO Convertible.

"The word 'race' is actually a misnomer," says Mary, "It's better described as a controlled-speed endurance test. We have to calculate each day's route and follow detailed course instructions down to every turn, speed change and intersection. If we go too fast or too slow, we lose points. We are constantly calculating our lost time and trying to make it up. There are eight to 11 checkpoints per day, and you are driving under all types of weather conditions in very old vehicles that don't have the comforts of today's cars. It's both mentally and physically challenging. By the middle of the race, you truly don't know what day it is anymore."

Last year, on the route from Illinois to California, Great Racers not only endured mountain passes, but temperatures in the 100s. According to Ted, "This year, while we may not have as many extremes to deal with, but it will probably be a much more difficult course, since there are more road


options, speed changes and fewer straight lines."

Ted and Mary are both excited that the course travels through Michigan and ends in picturesque Traverse City. "The Great Race we did back in 2012 started in Traverse City," remembers Ted. "At that time, we had no idea that we were just at the beginning of what would be a love affair with antique automobile road rallies."

Visitors to Stahls Automotive Museum on June 30 will also be able to spot three other Team Stahls cars entered in the Great Race. Grosse Pointe locals, brothers Brett and Dan Stahl, are teaming up again in a 1941 Packard 120 Coupe, which is the car that Ted and Mary drove in their first Great Race. Trevor Stahl and Josh Hull of Roanoke, Va., have moved up to the Expert Division this year in "The Stars and Stripes," a 1932 Ford Dirt Track Racer. Trevor and Josh were in a lead spot towards the finish last year, when the cylinder head broke and they had to pull out of the race. The patriotically painted Stars and Stripes speedster is a fan favorite. Friends of the Stahl family, Kevin Schoensee and Dominik Goertz, both of Fort Myers, Fla., will be driving a 1934 Ford Deluxe Phaeton for Team Stahls.

The Stahl family encourages antique car fans of all ages to come and watch over 130 car enthusiasts arrive at the Stahl Auto Museum in Chesterfield on Friday June 30. "There will be outdoor seating set up, and the cars will come in every minute straight for about 90 minutes," adds Ted. "It's going to be quite an amazing and special spectacle. We also hope you enjoy the food trucks and music that is planned."

The celebration to welcome the Great Racers will start at noon, and the first cars are expected shortly after that. The Stahl Auto Museum won't be open to the public until after the racers depart, but will be open from approximately 3-5 p.m. on that day.

For more information on viewing the Great Race participants as they head to the Stahl Auto Museum, go to [stahlsauto.com](http://stahlsauto.com) or find them on Facebook. The museum is at 26 Mile Road and Gratiot. 



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# Fairy Tale Festival goes royal



Photos courtesy of Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

By Anne Erickson

Those heading to this year's Fairy Tale Festival are in for a royal treat, as the 2017 theme is "The Legend of King Arthur" and "The Knights of the Roundtable."

In keeping with that motif, organizers for the sixth annual festival — set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 24, on the grounds of Edsel & Eleanor Ford House — are planning everything from jousting and sword-play activities to having characters such as Queen Guinevere, Sir Lancelot and the Lady of the Lake walking the grounds.

Other festivities on the schedule include a combat demonstration from Michigan's Medieval Combat Association, Merlin's Magic Show, Cirque Amongus court jesters, Greg Lester's Puppet Theatre, storyteller Karen Czarnik and story circles with the Grosse Pointe Public Library, to name a few.

What first inspired the idea for the Fairy Tale Festival? "Ford House has long been a place for families to bring their children, whether for a tour, to walk the grounds or to attend one of our annual favorite family events like Nutcracker Teas, Little Goblins' Night Out or Easter events," says Ann Fitzpatrick, vice president of communications at the Ford House. "We were brainstorming ideas for other ways to engage families, and in 2011, the Fairy Tale Festival was created."

She adds, "Past festivals have been a creative, fun way for families to learn about the many different cultures through

the power of storytelling in many different forms — theater, music, hands-on activities, readings, puppetry and more."


At the heart of the annual Fairy Tale Festival is offering a fun, educational experience for kids. The festival is for children of all ages, but especially kids ages 2 to 12. Roughly 2,000 people usually attend the event.

"Families can make crafts together to explore their own creativity, read a book on the grounds for quiet reflective time together or watch a musical performance to be entertained and educated at the same time," Fitzpatrick says. "This year, they can discover how science and engineering meet history as kids learn to make their own catapults."

The estate was a magical spot for Edsel and Eleanor Ford and their children, and Fairy Tales allows the public to share that magic and create memories.

"Ford House has always been about memories — sharing the family memories of Edsel and Eleanor and their children and grandchildren," Fitzpatrick says. "It's a perfect opportunity to bring families together to create special memories. Plus, with a new theme each year, the festival is never the same. There is always a new story to explore."

Tickets for the Fairy Tale Festival are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door.

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# SALON TRÉSOR: BEAUTY IN BUSINESS

By Beth Newhart

Sometimes, you just make a beautiful impression. Several years ago, a call came into the newly opened Salon Trésor. The caller asked if anyone named Vicki Lynn worked there, and when told, “Yes,” she shouted out, “Mom! I found her!”

Vicki Lynn Funk had given the young lady her first haircut 27 years before. Now getting married, the bride wanted her hair done by the person who made her feel so special from


the beginning.

Vicki Lynn Funk is all about making things beautiful. She’s been a hair stylist for more years than she’d care to admit and loves to style hair for weddings. She also gardens, and her hard work earned her a Beautification Award from the city of Grosse Pointe Woods for her salon on Mack Avenue.

In October 2013, Funk and her husband, Rob, finished four months of long nights creating a business they could call their own. Starting with 10 stylists, they have made their mark on the Grosse Pointe salon scene.

Service is priority at Salon Trésor, and Funk ensures that it’s personal. “Everyone is so friendly and welcoming,” she says of her talented staff. Whether it’s Wi-Fi for clients to use or a warm neck wrap to wear while color is processing, the customer is always pampered.

Funk comes from a family of small business owners and always wanted to do something on her own, but she wasn’t comfortable doing it while her kids were growing up. Now that her daughter is a personal trainer at the Detroit Athletic Club and her son is a paramedic/firefighter in Auburn Hills, she has the freedom to pursue her dream.

“I’ve had a passion for this industry all my life,” she says of her career. Now that passion brings her even more joy. 





**Chase Manikas, left, and Michael Swanson at Fairfax Quality Market's meat counter**  
 Photos by Anthony Viola

# A LITTLE SLICE OF HOME: FAIRFAX QUALITY MARKET EMBRACES THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By Anthony Viola

From the meat counter, the heart of Fairfax Quality Market, Chase Manikas, of Grosse Pointe Park, greets almost every customer as they walk in.

"It's nice being able to greet everyone by their name, know their families," he says. "It's a good feeling."

Manikas, along with Michael Swanson, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Mike's wife, Erin Gillis, took over the small corner store deep in Grosse Pointe Park last September. Fairfax is a community store, sitting in the middle of a residential neighborhood at the corner of Beaconsfield and Fairfax, away from the hurry of Jefferson,

Kercheval or Mack.

"We want (the neighborhood) to feel like it's their store," says Swanson, leaning on the dish sink behind the meat counter. "We want people to come get a cup of coffee and sit outside for hours."

Since they took over, they've stocked their shelves with more Michigan-made products, brought in fresh brewed coffee, craft beer, an assortment of natural foods as well as expanded the selection of homemade prepared foods, all made fresh daily by Gillis. Offerings include hot soup available daily, made to order sandwiches on Breadsmith bread and a plethora of options for a

quick bite to eat or a full dinner. And with Manikas, an experienced butcher, behind the counter, you can be sure there is always a good cut of meat. They also hope to add a pizza oven in the near future. But, until then, with the upcoming summer grilling season, Swanson says they're ready.

"We are going to step it up (this summer)," Swanson says. "We are going to do a lot of kabobs, burgers, stuffed burgers, corn on the cob, grilling food."

So, next time you're in the neighborhood, be sure to stop by and pick up a quick, fresh meal and support the neighborhood store. ☺



# The Lake House has new, homey space

By Karen Dybis

With double the space and just as many new programs, The Lake House is hoping its new location will encourage cancer survivors as well as their families and friends to experience the non-profit organization and participate in the events it offers for people whose lives have been touched by cancer.

The Lake House now occupies 5,200 square feet in the former Pare Elementary School at 23500 Pare Street in St. Clair Shores.

The building is ideal because it boasts large rooms, including a former library and cafeteria, giving The Lake House ample room for its classes, meetings and social groups, says Executive Director Madeline Bialecki.

The Lake House specializes in programs that support people in cancer treatment, cancer survivors and their loved ones.

It has everything from yoga to crafting to card-game tournaments in this new space as well as new areas such as a reiki room for massage and energy work, Bialecki says. Favorites such as journaling time, weekly Caregivers Support Group and Zumba will continue with even more times available, she adds.

With so much additional space, there is room for new drum groups, knitting clubs, children's programs and so much more, Bialecki notes.

The new space also feels very homey thanks to the volunteers who moved the furniture in and decorated.

Virginia Ficarra arranged things in a caring and thoughtful way, Bialecki says.

"We will be open six years in May, and it's been steady growth since then. Now, we have the space to support that growth and the community," Bialecki says.

The non-profit organization is renting the space from South Lake schools, and it is excited to welcome similar organizations that specialize in health and wellness as neighbors inside the building, Bialecki says. This will allow people to get multiple support offerings in one place.

All of The Lake House's programs are free of charge. For more information, visit [www.milakehouse.org](http://www.milakehouse.org) or call (586) 777-7761. 



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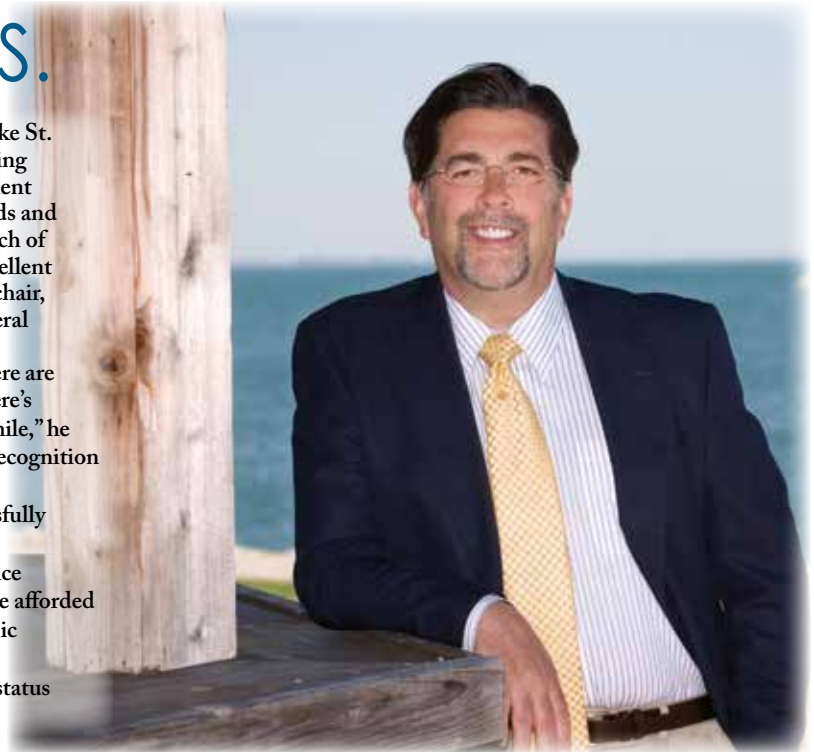
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Dr. Hunt believes this is a very exciting time to be a dentist. “There are several new techniques available for smile-enhancement, and there’s no reason for a patient to be anything but delighted with their smile,” he says. Dr. Hunt is quick to point out that achieving Top Dentist recognition is a team effort. With the help of his experienced and dedicated staff, and a highly skilled group of specialists, he is able to successfully transform smiles and restore dental health.

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# MYSTERY SOLVED

...why so many Grosse Pointers make the Great Smoky Mountains their vacation destination!



**By Sarah Stahl**

Originally from East, Tennessee, I developed a curiosity when noticing friends and neighbors planning their annual trips to the Great Smoky Mountains. I thought, “What are the chances that others would love my southern home as much as me?”

I have even longed to travel with them and give a personal tour of all the hidden secrets of the Smoky Mountains.

With the rich history of dedication and hard work, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was officially founded in the 1930s and after World War II, the Smokies became the most popular national park in the United States with 9 million annual visitors.

In lieu of a personal tour, allow me to highlight 10 incredible experiences sure to inspire the Great Smoky Mountains to be your next travel destination.

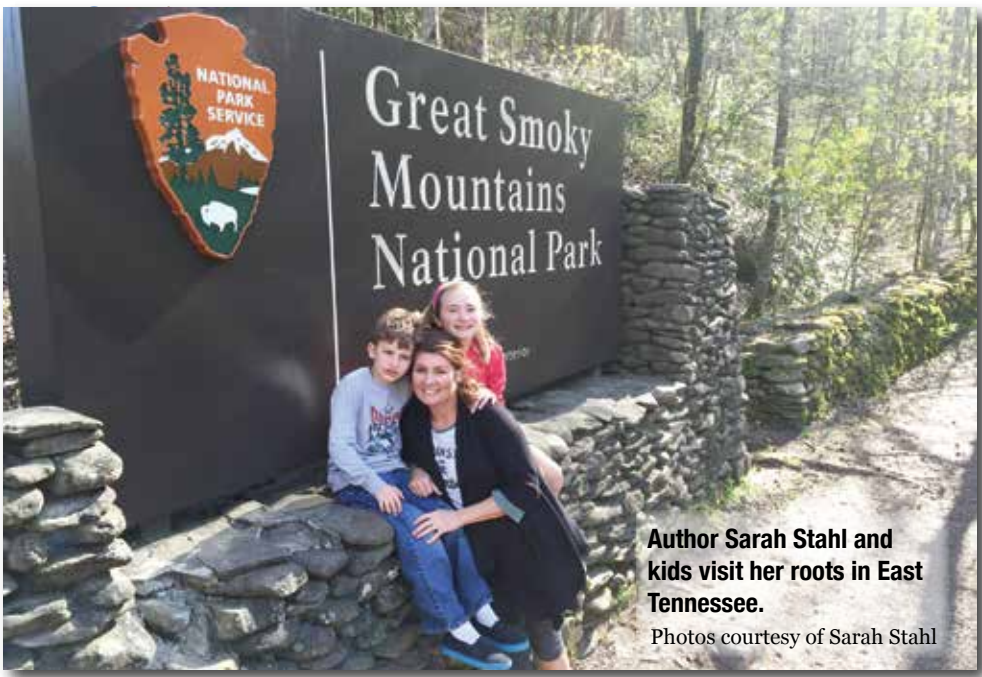
1) At the foot of the Smokies nestled between corn fields and pastures lies a hidden treasure. Local artist John Wilbourn offers his home to the public as a conceptual piece of art.

Wilbourn spent more than 30 years transforming his 1886 farmhouse into a living work of art, home to one-of-a-kind sculptures, murals, carvings and



**Artist John Wilbourn's home.**





**Author Sarah Stahl and kids visit her roots in East Tennessee.**  
 Photos courtesy of Sarah Stahl

the single most popular destination in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. After weaving in and out of the historic log cabins and churches, you will have fun spotting white-tailed deer, black bear, coyote, turkeys, raccoon and other animals.

8) For breathtaking views and natural beauty, plan on dedicating a few days to hiking Clingman’s Dome, Mount LeConte and Abrams Falls, just to name a few.

9) To receive an interactive understanding of the history and culture of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, swing by the Sugar Land Visitors Center. There you will find a short documentary to watch along with an extensive collection of taxidermy animals from the that area. Most kids love this exhibit.

10) If the natural wildlife of the Great Smoky Mountains isn’t enough, be sure to dedicate one or two days to the famous Dollywood amusement park accompanied with a dash of Appalachian culture. You will not be disappointed by the food, crafts and fun. ☺

architectural designs.

Artists from around the world travel to Wilbourn’s home, whose work has been featured in magazines, restaurants, hotels and homes worldwide.

Make your reservations for a home tour including southern hospitality with a taste of seasonal cuisine. Visit [www.facebook.com/WilbournDesigns](http://www.facebook.com/WilbournDesigns).

2) Foothill Parkway is where the curious traveler will experience the glorious mountaintop views weaving in and out of pull-offs for those priceless photo ops.

3) As you enter into what is called the “quiet side of the Smokies,” a short way off the beaten trail is the historic Tuckaleechee Caverns. It’s like taking a step back in time with Tom Sawyer.

4) Summertime tubing and kayaking is when you will meet folks from Europe to Asia. Ask locals about the “Y,” also known as the best swimmin’ hole for miles around.

5) Once you have entered the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, stop by the beautiful “Sinks” for a quick picnic, trail and historical read.

6) The Tremont Institute — this land was previously owned by Big Will Walker in 1859; after his death the mountainous grounds were explored and made available as an educational opportunity for visitors far and wide.

7) Cade Cove has been preserved in time and is



**John Wilbourn’s home interior and works of art.**



# Meet Laura



<b>Name</b>	Laura Bommarito
<b>Age</b>	64 (Newly)
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Shores
<b>Occupation</b>	Retail Management

## Laura's Favorites

**Season**

Fall

**Book**

Just one? The Bible

**Food**

Bread, crusty and fresh with butter

**Musical Artist**

Charles J.

**Vacation**

Anywhere with Charles and family

**Dessert**

My mom's apple pie

**Restaurant**

Mr. Paul's

**Activity**

Shopping — I can find something, anywhere

**Movie**

*The American President*

**What was your first job?**

Sewing patterns for Jacobson's Home Store. I still have that name badge!

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

A wife, a mom and an artist

**What do you miss about being a kid?**

All the kids and fun in the neighborhood

**What is the best trip you've ever taken?**

Tibet, Hawaii and Italy, each for a different reason

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

August 7th

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?**

The relationship I share with Charles, my best friend and husband of more than 45 years

**What is one skill you would like to learn?**

More tech stuff, but I need the Fisher Price version!

**Are you a collector of anything?**

Alexander dolls, bears and books

**Words to live by?**

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

## About Laura

"I feel lucky to have collected friends of all ages through my many years of living in the Pointes.

I've enjoyed the school system, the parks, the sports opportunities available to my kids and my volunteering years with Bon Secours Auxiliary. Remember those Christmas Fairs and the Gift Shop? We raised over \$1 million for the Sisters' mission.

My favorite topics of conversation usually revolve around my husband, my kids and my granddaughters, Laura and Liliana, who bring such fun each time they visit.

I'm sure this is going to be among the best chapters in my life."

Laura's hobbies include quilting, organizing stuff, reading and motorcycling.

She and husband Charles have two children, John and Nicolas, and daughter-in-law, Tina.

# Insurance: What covers what?

By Anne Marie Gattari

Despite the growing popularity of home care services, many people are surprised to learn that their husband's or mother's or grandfather's healthcare policies do not cover the cost of in-home attendant care.

Nor does Medicare.

To help our readers understand what is covered, what is not and by which type of insurance, I am going to break it down.

Medicare covers a doctor-prescribed home health care that typically runs for four to six weeks and includes visits by a nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist and other types of disciplines. The sessions are about 45 minutes. There are numerous Medicare-reimbursed home health care agencies, some of which are attached to the large hospital systems.

Private-duty, or attendant, care is paid by long-term care insurance policies, some Veterans Association benefits and, if care needs are the result of an accident, Michigan auto no fault insurance or worker's comp.

Depending on the type of long-term care insurance policy your loved one possesses, he or she may receive care from a few hours a week to many hours per day. To be prepared for when care is needed, call the claims department of the insurance company now to understand exactly what the policy will pay for.

VA benefits are provided directly to the eligible veteran and can be used toward the cost of home care.

Families are understandably confused by the difference. Call any of the fine home care agencies in the community, and we will be happy to steer you in the right direction.

*Anne Marie Gattari, owner/president, BrightStar Care of Grosse Pointe/Macomb, is a member and past-chair of the GPW Senior Citizens' Commission and host of WMTV's cable show, "Aging Well in America." She can be reached at (586) 279-3610 or am.gattari@brightstarcare.com.*



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# Farms resident pens Queen Bee novel

By Anne Erickson

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Elizabeth Weigandt has a new book out that might be perfect for you, especially if you have a young reader at home.

The book, called *Queen Bee*, is a fantasy novel for readers ages 8 to 12. The storyline revolves around Manuka, a female honeybee who is working to save her dying hive. It's a story that celebrates "the power of individuals and ideas."

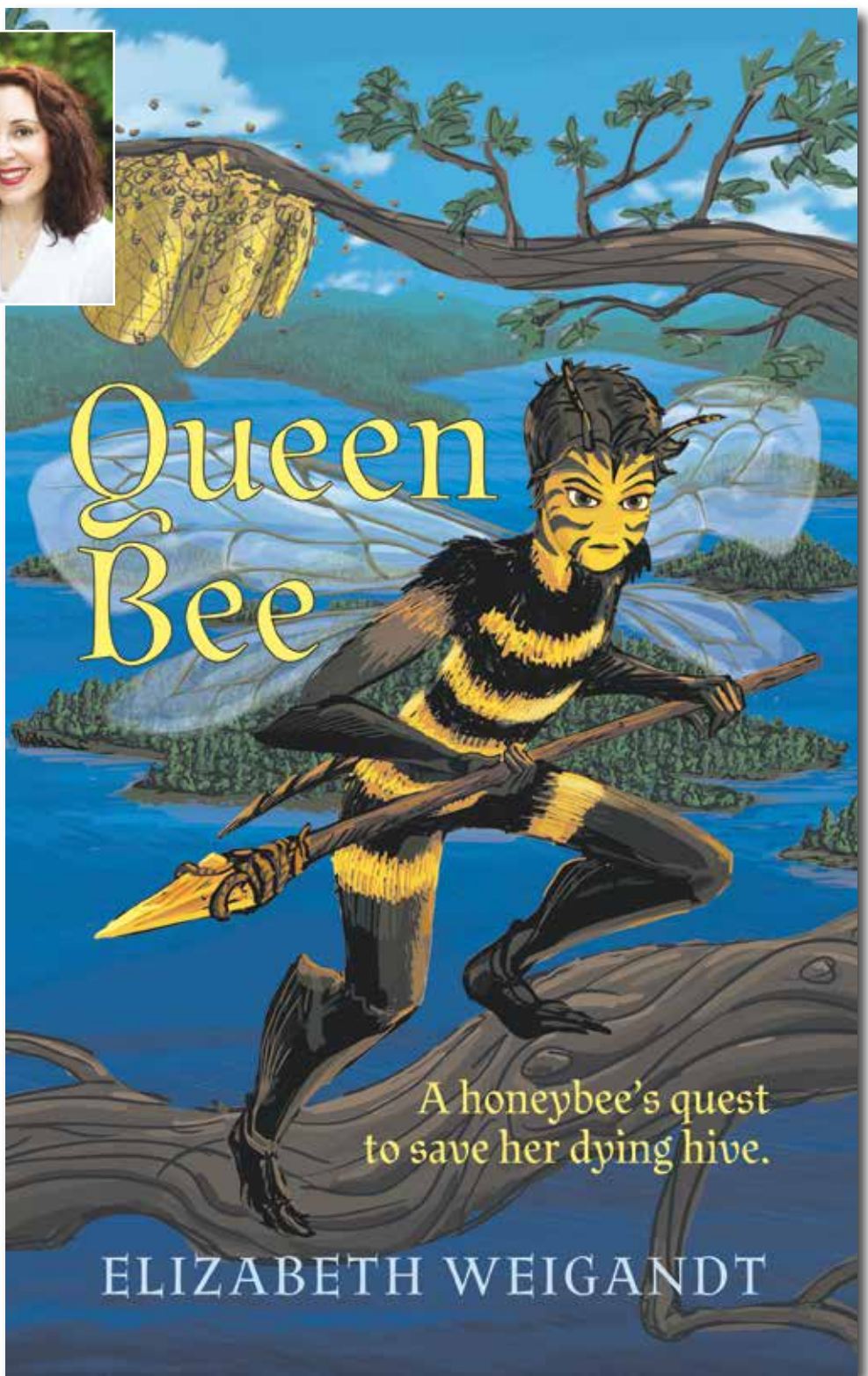
"As I'm sure you've noticed, people have become very interested in bees," says Weigandt, who has a 20-year career in public relations and has written everything from fiction to creative nonfiction to journalism stories.

"So far, *Queen Bee* has had a warm reception from readers and booksellers alike, because it brings readers to the bees' point of view, to experience their world firsthand along with the pressures they face to find food and avoid predators — birds, wasps and even humans," she adds.

The story takes place in — where else? — metro Detroit. The majority of it unfolds on Belle Isle.

*Queen Bee* also puts the spotlight on women. Almost the entire cast is female.

"In real life, honeybee hives are ruled by a queen, her female attendants



and an army of female workers who rear the young, maintain the hive, handle defense and serve as foragers," Weigandt says. "As a result, in my story, females are featured in every character role from hero to villain, wise woman to sidekick."

This isn't the last you'll read of *Queen*

*Bee*, either. This book is the first in a trilogy by Weigandt that will chronicle the adventures of Manuka and her friends.

For more information, visit Elizabeth Weigandt's website at [www.elizabethweigandt.com](http://www.elizabethweigandt.com). 

# Ode on a gym

By Ken Welch

As fitness becomes more mainstream I've been seeing more headlines and advertisements advocating that you don't need a gym to get in shape. You can work out at home. While there is some technical truth to this, for the sake of your bigger fitness picture, I would strongly suggest a gym.



I say this from experience and not because I own one. If there had been a gym in our area when I moved here in 1990, I may not own one today. I needed a place to work out, and there wasn't any.

A gym is a place to learn and experiment with different ways to train. Other gym members are always willing to pass on tips and info about their workouts, and just observing how other people work out can give you ideas. A good staff can add to this and also offer personal training to help escalate your experience level and give you more knowledge and confidence.

A gym is motivating, inspiring, offers a large variety of workout options in equipment and classes and provides a place for "fitness focus" without the distractions you would encounter trying to workout at home. Still not ready for a gym? Try a smaller fitness studio that offers group and personalized instruction.

A gym is a safe and protected environment. If you have a medical emergency and you're working out at home, alone, what happens? In a gym, any number of people are going to come to your aid and see you're attended to. If you're an outdoor runner you have to contend with traffic, weather, dogs chasing you and nature calling unexpectedly. In a gym, no worries on all counts.

A gym is definitely worth the price of admission.

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

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# COOKING with CHEF ETHAN STEINER

*Potato Salad - a summer picnic favorite*



Summer is fast approaching and soon family gatherings will be in full swing. This potato salad is simple and quick and very tasty! It's important to remember to use fresh ingredients, especially when working with sour cream and mayonnaise. Make sure to keep the potato salad out of the hot sun to avoid spoilage.

My parents told me a funny story about some friends of theirs (whom shall remain nameless Becky Miller) that bought potato salad already made for a get together. They told everyone they made it. Well, the potato salad was

spoiled, and their friends had to come clean that it was store bought and not made at home!

Also, with the great opportunities that summer has to offer, I will be taking a leave of absence from my job to take a job on Mackinac Island. I will be working at the Island House until October. I will be returning to my current position when I return. If you're on the island, please stop and say hello. I am looking forward to this next chapter in my life and happy that I can bring you along!

## Yukon Gold Potato Salad Serves 8

### Ingredients

**2 lbs** Yukon Gold potatoes (peels can be left on)  
**3/4 cup** sour cream  
**1/4 cup** mayonnaise  
**2 tsp** Dijon mustard  
**1/2 cup** thinly sliced green onions  
**1 tbs** dill  
**1/4 cup** chopped parsley  
**4** hard boiled eggs, separate yolks from whites, mash egg yolks and dice egg whites  
**6** slices of bacon, cooked and chopped  
Coarse salt to taste  
Freshly ground pepper to taste

### Directions

1. Boil potatoes until just done, but not mushy.
2. Allow potatoes to cool and then cut



3. Mash egg yolks and mix with mayonnaise, sour cream and mustard.
4. Mix potatoes with egg whites, chopped bacon, green onions.
5. Add salt, pepper, dill and parsley.
6. Chill two hours.

*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 returned to Michigan. He has worked with, and for, Chef Jose*

*Andres, Chef John Hilton, Chef Rick Moonen, Chef Gordon Ramsay and Chef Wolfgang Puck. This summer Steiner is taking a leave of absence as Sous Chef at Beverly Hills Grill in Beverly Hills, Mich., to work as Sous Chef at the Island House on Mackinac Island — a lifelong dream come true.*

*Follow him on twitter@Chef\_Ethan.*



## Ardmore — St. Clair Shores Gem

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**Hours:** Mon-Wed 11:30am-10pm, Thu-Sat 11:30am-12am, Sun 11:30am-10pm

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**Web:** [WWW.BLUFINSUSHI.COM](http://WWW.BLUFINSUSHI.COM)



## Champs Rotisserie & Seafood

20515 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods (3 blks. S. of Vernier) • (313) 886-7755

Champs is located on Mack just three streets south of Vernier. Our soups, sauces and dressings are made daily using only the freshest ingredients from Michigan companies when possible. Champs is known for its Rotisserie Ribs and Chicken, served with our homemade BBQ sauce for which Champs has been known for the past 40 years since it was the BBQ House of Grosse Pointe. We also offer an exquisite variety of seafood, salad entrees, sandwiches, appetizers and a full children's menu. We also offer daily specials that we have become known for. For those warm nights, enjoy our patio with a big screen TV or you may choose to stay inside and snuggle by our beautiful fireplace. With this unique atmosphere, comes a full-service bar to make your dining experience complete. We have a great selection of Michigan-made vodka, gin and bourbon and a wide selection of scotch, from house to high end. Call ahead on those busy days for a carry-out. Our specially designed carry-out boxes will ensure your food gets home fresh and hot. We will cater your next event. Call and speak to one of our catering specialists after 4 p.m. Order off our catering menu or create your own.

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**Web:** [www.ChampsRotisserie.com](http://www.ChampsRotisserie.com)



## City Kitchen

16844 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe • (313) 882-6667

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

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**Web:** [www.city-kitchen.com](http://www.city-kitchen.com)



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## Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe

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

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


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

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**Hours:** Mon-Sat 11am-2am; Sun 5pm-2am

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


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Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm  
Web: [www.littletonysgp.com](http://www.littletonysgp.com)



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Hours: Daily 11am-1am (Kitchen closes at midnight.)  
Web: [www.luxebarandgrill.com](http://www.luxebarandgrill.com)



## Mack Avenue Grille

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

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

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Hours: Mon-Sat 6am-6pm; Sun 9am-3pm

Web: [www.MorningGloryGrossePointe.com](http://www.MorningGloryGrossePointe.com)



## Pepperoni Grille

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

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Hours: Mon 4-10pm; Tues-Thurs 11am-10pm; Fri 11am-11pm;

Sat noon-11pm; Sun 3-9pm

Web: [www.pepperonigrillescs.com](http://www.pepperonigrillescs.com)



# DINING GUIDE

## Shores Inn

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**Tuesday** - 1/2 off pizza!

**Wednesday** - All you can eat Perch \$12.99, 4-9 p.m.

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Dinner: Open daily at 5pm

**Web:** www.sierrastationgp.com



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## Telly's Place — Est. 1982

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

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



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## A BLENDED TAKE...on Family Favorites

It's not always easy to create meals that are both nutritious and satisfying. Managing intake of added sugar and saturated fat takes effort and planning, but transforming your favorite recipes into more nutritious family meals can be simpler than you imagined.

The nutrient-dense mushroom masterfully bridges that divide, offering rich and meaty flavor while still being fat-

free, low-calorie and low-sodium. All mushrooms contain vitamin D at various levels, which helps build strong bones. Additionally, mushrooms are a source of B vitamins, including riboflavin and niacin, which help provide energy by breaking down proteins, fats and carbohydrates.

For additional mushroom recipes that incorporate the blending technique, visit [mushroominfo.com](http://mushroominfo.com).

### Marinated Mushroom Bowls with Lentils and Wild Rice

Servings: 4

#### Mushrooms:

**1/4 cup** extra-virgin olive oil  
**2 tbl** unseasoned rice vinegar  
**1 tbl** low-sodium soy sauce  
**2 tsp** dark sesame oil  
**1 tsp** chili oil  
**1 green onion**, thinly sliced  
**1 tbl** chopped fresh cilantro  
**1 tsp** sesame seeds  
**8 ounces** crimini mushrooms, thinly sliced

**2 cups** thinly sliced purple cabbage  
**1 tbl** fresh lime juice  
 pinch of salt  
**2 tsp** low-sodium soy sauce  
**2 cups** cooked French lentils  
**1 cup** cooked wild rice  
**1 cup** chopped cucumber

To marinate mushrooms: In shallow bowl, whisk together olive oil, rice vinegar, soy sauce, sesame oil and chili

oil. Stir in green onion, cilantro and sesame seeds. Add mushrooms and gently toss in marinade. Cover and let rest 30 minutes.



### Mighty Mushroom Blended Burger

Servings: 4

**1/2 lb** any variety mushroom  
**2 tbs** olive oil, divided  
**1 lb** ground beef  
**1/2 tsp** salt  
**4** buns

Finely dice mushrooms or gently pulse in food processor.

In skillet, warm 1 tablespoon olive oil on medium-high heat and add mushrooms, cooking 5-7 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from heat and cool 5 minutes.

Transfer cooled mushrooms to medium bowl. Add ground beef and salt, mixing until combined. Make four patties.

Add remaining olive oil to pan and cook burger patties on medium-high heat until internal temperature reaches at least 160 F. Plate and add desired toppings to bun.

**Racing for Kids to The Hill** Aug. 31 @ Northern Trust

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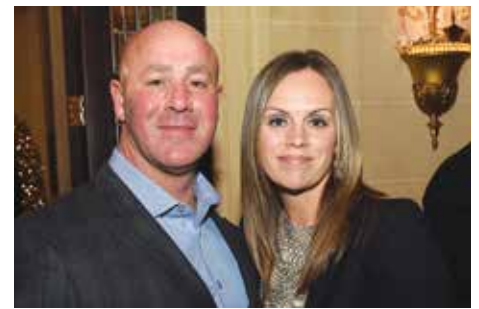
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# SOUTH JAZZ TROMBONIST MAKES IT IN THE BIG APPLE

by Michael Thomas



One of the emerging lights in New York City's hot jazz scene is trombonist and composer Jimmy O'Connell, a hometown kid who rose up from the fine music education programs in Grosse Pointe and Detroit. 2016 saw the release of his debut album, *Arrhythmia*, with his band, the Jimmy O'Connell Sextet. The album has garnished great reviews and *Downbeat*, the most popular jazz magazine, named it Editor's Pick for last September.

The album's release is only one of the achievements in a vibrant career that includes playing with jazz greats Joe Lavano, Randy Brecker, Paquito D. Rivera and hot new groups, such as The Steve Fiefke Big Band and The Uptown Party Down. He has also been the "bone" man of choice for Emmy Award winning producer 88 keys (Jay Z, Kanye West) and his solo and group projects have graced Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and infamously cool NYC joints like Smalls and The Blue Note.

It was in Grosse Pointe that he started learning classical piano at age 7, but it was the trombone that became his life's love at 9 years old. O'Connell credits the great music programs in Grosse Pointe that helped him grow his talent and provide the confidence to become a successful pro in the music industry. He is especially grateful to people like Dan White, his music teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School, who turned him on to playing jazz. With White's help and that of others, he won the Luis Armstrong Award for excellent high school jazz musicians.

From age 13, he started soaking up the jazz wisdom of Marcus Belgrave and then Rodney Whitaker in the Detroit Symphony Civic Jazz Orchestra. "I loved that opportunity," says O'Connell, "just to be able to play and practice at least once a week at the DSO was amazing."

From there he went on to the University of Michigan and began playing in both Ann Arbor's and Detroit's finest

jazz venues. In 2009 he left to earn his master's degree with the Manhattan School of Music, meeting many of the musicians he would later play with.

His album, *Arrhythmia*, has everything a jazz lover needs as the band playfully bops and sizzles through a fulfilling variety of moods and styles, while remaining pure, raw and contemporary.

Speaking of his band members, O'Connell says, "These people are some of my best friends... They can kick my ass, too; it's good to have people who inspire you

to be better ... and in New York, this is where the best are at, even if someone can't make a gig, you can always find someone who is just as good."

This closeness, as well as NYC-honed chops, shows in how tight the band is, and each song finds unique ways of getting the ball in the pocket. Songs like *Solidarity* and *Bolivia*, for example, find them as coordinated as a flock of birds, molding themselves around a shifting emotional core.

At one point, they settle into a unique rendition of *In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning*, where he honors David Mann's blue-tinged classic, bringing his trombone's full articulation to beautifully conveying the lonely emotion of Sinatra's voice on his masterpiece album of the same name.

O'Connell has been busy composing music for his next album which he is hoping to put together next year. He has also been working with the Newport Festivals Foundation in its music outreach program in Rhode Island, bringing Jazz to underprivileged kids, and will be playing at the Jazz Festival itself in August. [P](#)

*Jimmy O'Connell's CD, Arrhythmia, is now available on iTunes, Amazon and Outside In Music. For more information, visit [www.jimmyoconnell.com](http://www.jimmyoconnell.com).*

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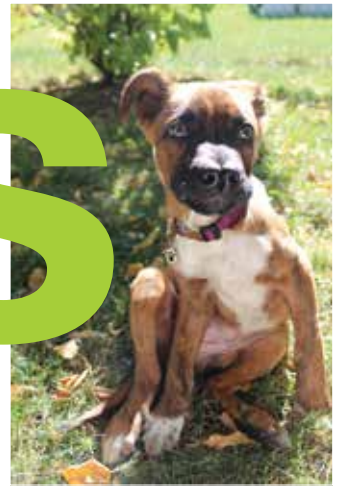
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## Marco

Marco, who is wearing owner Joe's polo, survived the streets of Detroit and now lives in Grosse Pointe Park. Look for his handsome face as he meets and greets his new neighbors on his many walks around his wonderful new neighborhood.



## Stella

Stella, a Weimaraner, was found lost in the woods, taken to a Tennessee kill shelter, rescued by Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and finally found her forever home with the Bickmanns, who also foster dogs for GPAAS.



## Jiffy

Jiffy, a 4-year-old mostly Russian Blue tomcat, was found as a kitten on a friend's front lawn and now makes his home with Philip Veres and Susan Hipsley of the Farms. After eating, sleeping and playing with his dad in the backyard, Jiffy (or Sir Eatsalot and He Who Must Be Obeyed) enjoys relaxing on the backyard swing.



## In Memory of Spanky

Spanky loved everyone he met. He passed away two days before his twelfth birthday on January 25. He is deeply missed by his mom, Pam Zimmer of Grosse Pointe Woods.



## Gordie

Gordie is a 5-year-old Springer Spaniel, who walks South Oxford in the Woods daily and is proudly named after Gordie Howe #9. Gordie loves to play hockey with his Dad in the front yard.



## Willow

Willow is a tiny girl who likes to go for walks on her harness and play tag with her Chihuahua brother!



# Raw meat diets for pets

By Dr. Bridget Wright

In the last issue, we discussed considerations regarding grain-free diets. Today we will discuss another increasingly popular trend in the pet food industry — raw meat diets.

There are numerous anecdotal reports of the health benefits of raw diets; however, there is no specific scientific data to support these claims.



It is frequently argued that these diets more closely resemble the diets of our pets' ancestors; however, we must account for the evolutionary and dietary changes that have resulted from centuries of domestication alongside humans that has changed our pets' nutritional needs.

There is significant inherent risk in feeding raw meat diets, and this practice generally should be avoided. A large concern with raw diets is they typically do not contain a complete nutrient profile and may lead to a serious nutritional imbalance. This holds true for both homemade and some commercial raw diets, as many commercial raw foods are labeled as supplemental use and aren't meant to be fed exclusively or long-term.

Raw diets may also pose a major food safety risk, both for you and your pets. Raw meat diets can be contaminated with harmful bacteria, such as Salmonella, Listeria and E.coli, which can cause illness in both humans and animals. Studies have also shown that pets fed raw diets contaminated with Salmonella can become carriers — meaning they don't develop illness but shed the bacteria in their feces, thus contaminating the environment.

Be sure to speak with your veterinarian about which diet may be the safest and most nutritious for your pet.

*Dr. Wright is a recent graduate of Iowa State University, and joined Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in July of 2015.*

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# DSO, FORD HOUSE CELEBRATE 8 YEARS OF MAKING MUSIC TOGETHER!



By Anne Erickson

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is entering its eighth year of bringing the world-renowned orchestra to the estate for back-to-back nights of fantastic music.

The event is set for Friday and Saturday, July 7-8.

“The combination of the atmosphere and music just cannot be found anywhere else in the area,” says Ann Fitzpatrick, vice president of communications at the Ford House.

“Being able to sit back on the lawn and literally have the majestic estate as the backdrop is pure magic. Some guests prefer to sit and look at the lake and watch the boats go by as they listen to the music. The finale of fireworks shot off on the lake is the perfect ending to the evening.”

Aram Demirjian will serve as the conductor each night. He is a rising star in the orchestral world for his imaginative take on classic music in both traditional and experimental formats.

Demirjian, who is associate conductor of the Kansas City Symphony, is known for his innovative programming and commitment to education for audience members of all ages. He conducts more than 60



**The Detroit Symphony Orchestra Committee welcomes guests to the eighth annual concerts at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Seated, from left, are Nancy Cotton, David Binder (DSO musician) and Sarah Ford (2017 Committee Chair). Standing, from left, Bernadette Banko (Ford House), Killeen Shafer, Kristen Schneider Van Pelt and Danielle Manley (DSO). Not pictured: Lindsay Cotton (2016 Committee Chair) and Holly Jonsson.**

Photo by John Minnis; Top photo by John F. Martin, courtesy of Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

performances each season in Kansas City's Helzberg Hall at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts.


As for themes, Friday is the pops night. It will feature music from the movies. Saturday, the classic night, will bring special song selections inspired by Ford House's Fairy Tale Festival, which is a King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table theme this year.

The grounds of Ford House will open at 6 p.m. to allow attendees the opportunity to explore the gardens, stroll along the lake and enjoy pre-concert music performed by area students. The concerts begin at 8 p.m. and are followed by a thrilling

fireworks finale at 9:30 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children ages 5-12 and are available at [dso.org](http://dso.org) or (313) 576-5111. Tickets will be \$25 and \$15 at the door. Parking for general admission is in the lot on Lake Shore Road.

Preferred seating tickets are \$50 and include parking at the Visitor Center, a shuttle ride provided to the house and a reserved seating area for the concert.

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## 10 WEDNESDAY

- Family Center Play Central at Barnes Early Childhood Center Gym, a place for parents, grandparents and all caregivers to play with their children while socializing with other families, follows the GPPSS calendar, so holidays and snow days will be observed, get a free visit coupon at familycenterweb.org, \$5 per family, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 9-11 a.m.

## 11 THURSDAY

- Friends of the GPPL Book Sale at Woods Branch, Friends only 10-11 a.m., general sale 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Beauty and the Beast" at The War Memorial, also May 12-14, 18-20, tickets at gpt.org

## 12 FRIDAY

- Friends of the GPPL Book Sale at Woods Branch, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## 13 SATURDAY

- All-Pointes Cornhole Tournament at Lake Front Park, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Friends of the GPPL Book Sale at Woods Branch, \$5 per bag, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Izzy's Second Saturdays at Provencal-Weir House "April Showers Bring May Flowers," create your own flower pots, 7 years and older, \$20 per member, \$25 per non-member, reservations must be made by Thursday, May 11, ask for Izzy at (313) 884-7010, 1-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open House at Provencal-Weir House, 1-4 p.m.
- 2017 Spring Fest and Tin Can Auction at Mason Elementary School, bounce houses, inflatable games, face painting, cotton candy, Detroit BBQ and El Charro food trucks, Grilling Dad's Club and Tin Can Style Auction, wristband for games and activities \$10, auction tickets available for \$1, 3-6 p.m.

- The Village's 29th Annual Paint the Window Contest Prize Ceremony, on the Village Plaza, 4 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe North High School Prom

## 14 SUNDAY - Mother's Day

- Mother's Day Breakfast at Big Boy, 8 a.m.
- Mother's Day Brunch and Tour at Ford House, may be sold out, seatings at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Mother's Day Brunch at The War Memorial, reservations required by May 9, seatings between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## 15 MONDAY

- Grosse Pointe North Spring Art Show, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

## 16 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe North Spring Art Show, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.
- GPCC Business After Hours at The Yellow Door, 5:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe North Spring Choir Concert in North PAC, 7 p.m.

## 17 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe North Spring Art Show, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- LUNAFEST®: Short Films By, For, About Women® 16th Annual National Touring Film Festival at Windmill Pointe Park, \$20 per person, 5:30 p.m.
- The Family Center presents "Teens and Screens: A Solution-Focused Conversation" in Miller Hall at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, free, RSVP at (313) 432-3832 or familycenterweb.org, 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe North Spring Choir Concert in North PAC, 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Bicknell Lecture Series at Country Club of Detroit, "Henry Ford II: A Centennial Historical Perspective," 7:30-9 p.m.

## 18 THURSDAY

- Ford House Grounds Tour 'Jensen's Masterpiece,' tickets at fordhouse.org, \$10 per non-member, \$8 per member, 6 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe North Spring Choir Concert in North PAC, 7 p.m.

## 19 FRIDAY

- Rotary of Grosse Pointe invites all to help

build a community playground at John Van Camp Community Center, 3783 Ashland, Detroit, RSVP to Northeast Guidance Center at (313) 308-1416 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- 29th Annual Great Lakes Boating Festival at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 3-7 p.m.
- Michigan Spring Dinner in Visitors Center Solarium, Ford House, tickets available at fordhouse.org, \$65 per person, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Great Lakes Boating Festival Summer Breeze Auction and Party, supports the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, live auction, raffle, open bar, DJ, tickets at greatlakesboatingfestival.com, 7 p.m.

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- 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 12-3 p.m.; and at City Bark, cats and kittens 12-2 p.m.
- 29th Annual Great Lakes Boating Festival at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, free admission, 12-7 p.m.
- Detroit Concert Choir presents "Mozart Requiem & Bach Ascension Oratorio" at St. Paul on the Lake, tickets available at detroitconcertchoir.org or (313) 882-0118, \$25 per person, \$22 per senior, \$10 per student, 7:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe South High School Prom

## 21 SUNDAY

- 29th Annual Great Lakes Boating Festival at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, free admission, 12-5 p.m.

## 23 TUESDAY

- Memorial Week at The War Memorial, "Our Community Salutes,"

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## 25 THURSDAY

- An Evening of Red, White and Blue at The War Memorial, \$175 per person, Afterglow only is \$50 per person, register at [warmemorial.org/gala](http://warmemorial.org/gala), cocktail reception at 6 p.m., dinner and program at 7 p.m., Afterglow and fireworks at 8:30 p.m.

## 29 MONDAY - Memorial Day

- Memorial Day Service at The War Memorial, ceremony on the lakefront lawn, Major General David G. Bassett will speak, the event features a reading of the names of fallen Grosse Pointe service members from all military branches, followed by the Tolling of the Bell and a Rifle Salute, an Honor Guard performing the Advancing and Placing of Colors, patriotic music by the Motor City Brass Band, a military fly-over from Selfridge Air National Guard Base, and a moment of solemnity featuring Amazing Grace performed on bagpipes, free and open to the public, 10 a.m.

## 30 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Retail/Restaurant Community Study Presentation in each of the five Grosse Pointe communities, check [grossepointechamber.com](http://grossepointechamber.com) for more information

## 02 FRIDAY

- North/South Outdoor Concert on South's front lawn, bring a blanket or lawn chair, admission is free, 7 p.m.

## 03 SATURDAY

- Park Market opens for the season at 9

a.m.

- Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, information available at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org)

## 08 THURSDAY

- The Family Center presents "Meet & Greet For Professionals" at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, free, RSVP at (313) 432-3832 or [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org), 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Rotary of Grosse Pointe's Cruise for a Cause on the yacht Infinity, leaving from Jefferson Beach Marina, \$150 per person, boarding begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Music on the Plaza in the Village starts, Thursdays through Aug. 3, 7 p.m.

## 09 FRIDAY

- The Family Center presents An Evening with Friends, tour a distinctive Grosse Pointe home and its extensive gardens while enjoying conversation, live entertainment, cocktails and a strolling gourmet dinner by renowned Chef Bobby Nahra, tickets starting at \$175, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) for tickets and more information, 6-9 p.m.

## 10 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open House at Provencal-Weir House, 1-4 p.m.
- Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration at Comerica Park, free, 7:30 p.m.

## 13 TUESDAY

- Native Plants in the Residential Landscape at Ford House, \$10 per non-member, \$8 per member, tickets available at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) only, 6 p.m.

## 14 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe South High School Graduation, 6:30 p.m.

## 15 THURSDAY

- Landscape Design for Your Home at Ford House, tickets available at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org), \$10 per non-member, \$8 per member, 6-8 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe North High School Graduation, 6:30 p.m.

## 16 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Library Free! Summer Reading Kick-Off at Central Library, 12 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Summer on the Lake Gala at 671 Lake Shore, 7-11 p.m.

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## 18 SUNDAY - Father's Day

- EyesOn Design Automotive Design Exhibition at Ford House, \$25 per person, children 12 and under free with adult, active duty military members free, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## 21 WEDNESDAY

- GPCC Legacy on the Lake at Ford House, tickets \$175 each, 6-10 p.m.

## 23 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Library Foundation's A Night in the Stack series presents Frances Stroh, author of 'Beer Money,' at Central Library, \$30, tickets available at [gplf.org](http://gplf.org), not sold at the door, 7-9 p.m.

## 24 SATURDAY

- Fairy Tale Festival at Ford House, tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 on-site, ages 2 and under free, Family 4 Pack save \$2 per admission if purchased by May 31, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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- Grosse Pointe Community Chorus Spring Concert at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 3:30 p.m.



After Grosse Pointe Farms homeowner Stephen D’Arcy had Parjana Distribution LLC install its Energy Passive Ground Water Recharge Product, no more standing water!

# Global revolution in rain water management has roots in Grosse Pointe

By Anthony Viola

When Stephen D’arcy bought a property in Grosse Pointe Farms to build his house, it had the same standing water issues many people in the community face. In fact, that’s why the previous owners sold the back lot of their existing estate. But now, even after heavy rains, the backyard is dry, free of any standing water thanks to Parjana Distribution’s Energy Passive Ground Water Recharge Product (EGRP).

In 2015, when D’Arcy met Parjana’s CEO and co founder, Greg McPartlin, the latter agreed to install his simple innovation — a plastic, five-chambered tube with slits running down the length. Up to 20 feet long, the devices are installed a few feet underground and never seen again.

The EGRP mimics a tree root. Roots naturally allow water to travel between layers in the earth. However, over time, the weight of urban development and removal of trees compacts the earth and creates impermeable layers. Water builds up, storm water runs directly into rivers and storm drains or pools on the surface. The EGRP stabilizes the soil’s moisture and oxygen levels, enabling infiltration when and where the rain falls, instead of simply running off.

Parjana installed their first EGRP in a Grosse Pointe Park backyard. And even though their vision for the product goes far beyond the home lot, it is still an effective tool to combat

standing water, no matter where.

D’Arcy was skeptical at first. But after installing the product he couldn’t be happier. “There are no water problems on the property any longer,” he says. “We didn’t put in any drains, we are not draining any water into the storm water system or retention ponds. The water simply goes down into the ground. Even after a substantial rain, there’s no standing water.”

The effects of the EGRP go far beyond the superficial result of reduced standing water. “It greatly reduces the hydrostatic pressure on the subterranean walls of the house,” D’Arcy says. “[Hydrostatic pressure] leads to a lot of water issues, sweating on the interior basement wall and other issues. So that’s a significant added benefit that isn’t as visible as the elimination of groundwater, but it’s really important.”

D’Arcy, a University of Michigan graduate and former PricewaterhouseCoopers executive, was so impressed he decided to invest in Parjana.

“I really like the product,” D’Arcy says. “Storm water is a big issue for society, much bigger than the average person, I think, realizes. Parjana is not a panacea that will replace the existing technology, but we need innovative solutions.”

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# The human side of cars and trucks

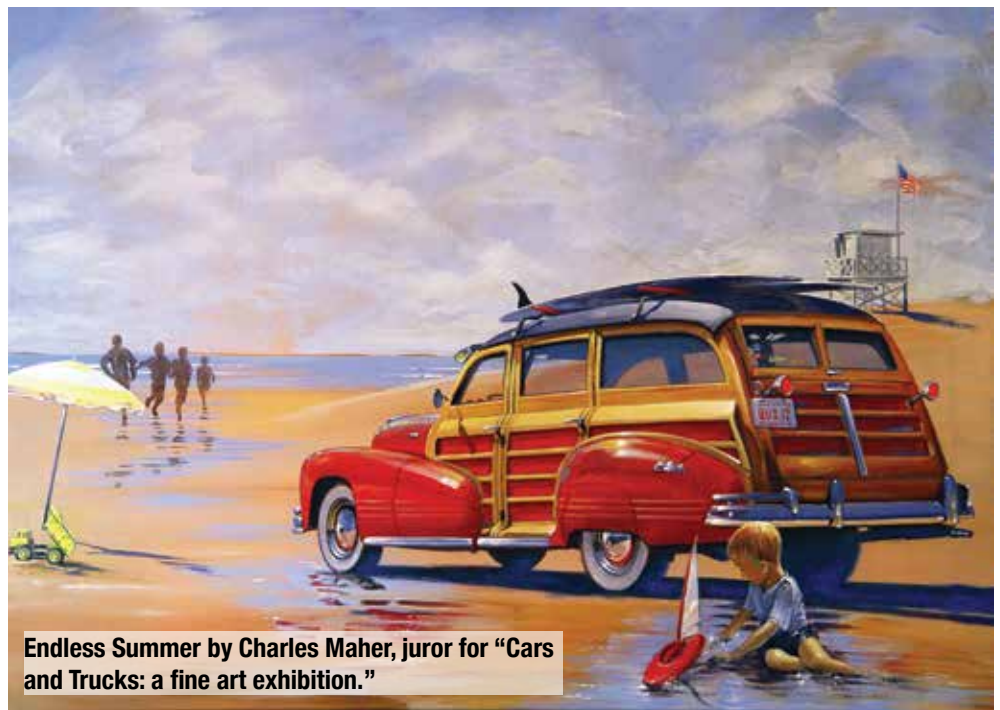
The Grosse Pointe Artists Association invites you to an evening of art and lectures to “celebrate the human side of cars and trucks” and raise funds for its “A Morning Out” program for dementia patients and their caregivers.

The event is 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, at The War Memorial and will include:

- A lecture by Tia Wallace Kratter of Pixar Animation Studios, art director for “Cars”
- A preview of GPAA’s “Cars and Trucks: A Fine Art Exhibition”
- Awards to exhibiting artists to be announced by exhibition juror Charles Maher
- Time to share stories over appetizers and drinks.

The night will be all about sharing stories. Kratter will explain how she and a group of Pixar artists started their research for the movie “Cars” by taking a road trip down Route 66. What they saw and heard helped them create the most profitable animated film to date, starring race car Lightning McQueen and his rusty sidekick, Mater, the tow truck.

Closer to home, there are stories about doing donuts in a Grand National on an icy Kercheval and going on a date with the man who



**Endless Summer by Charles Maher, juror for “Cars and Trucks: a fine art exhibition.”**

would become your husband in a 1937 Chevy with yellow painted tires.

“Cars and trucks can be part of significant memories, such as family vacations, first dates, wild rides and time spent with friends,” Maher says. “That is what we have in this exhibition.”

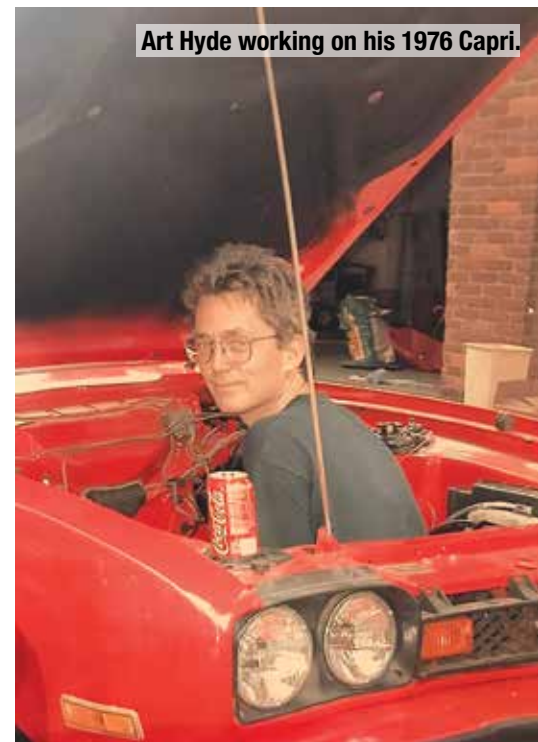
Based on Maher’s reputation and \$2,250 in prize money, GPAA drew exceptional art for its show titled “Cars and Trucks.” Maher is one of 25 members of the elite international group, Automotive Fine Arts Society. His painting, “Endless Summer,” which is being used to publicize the exhibition, features a 1947 Pontiac Streamliner Woodie Wagon and a young boy at play on the beach.

GPAA’s celebration coincides with a weekend of activities focused on cars and trucks. The EyesOn Design car show will be held Sunday, June 18, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Disney releases “Cars 3” on Friday, June 16. You can check the Okulski Family Theatre in Grosse Pointe Park for show times.

To register for the Artists Association’s cars and trucks celebration and support its programming for dementia patients, go to [www.grossepointeartcenter.org](http://www.grossepointeartcenter.org) or call (313) 881-3454. ☎



**Janice Ducsay in front of the family “dreamboat” with her Easter basket.**



**Art Hyde working on his 1976 Capri.**

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