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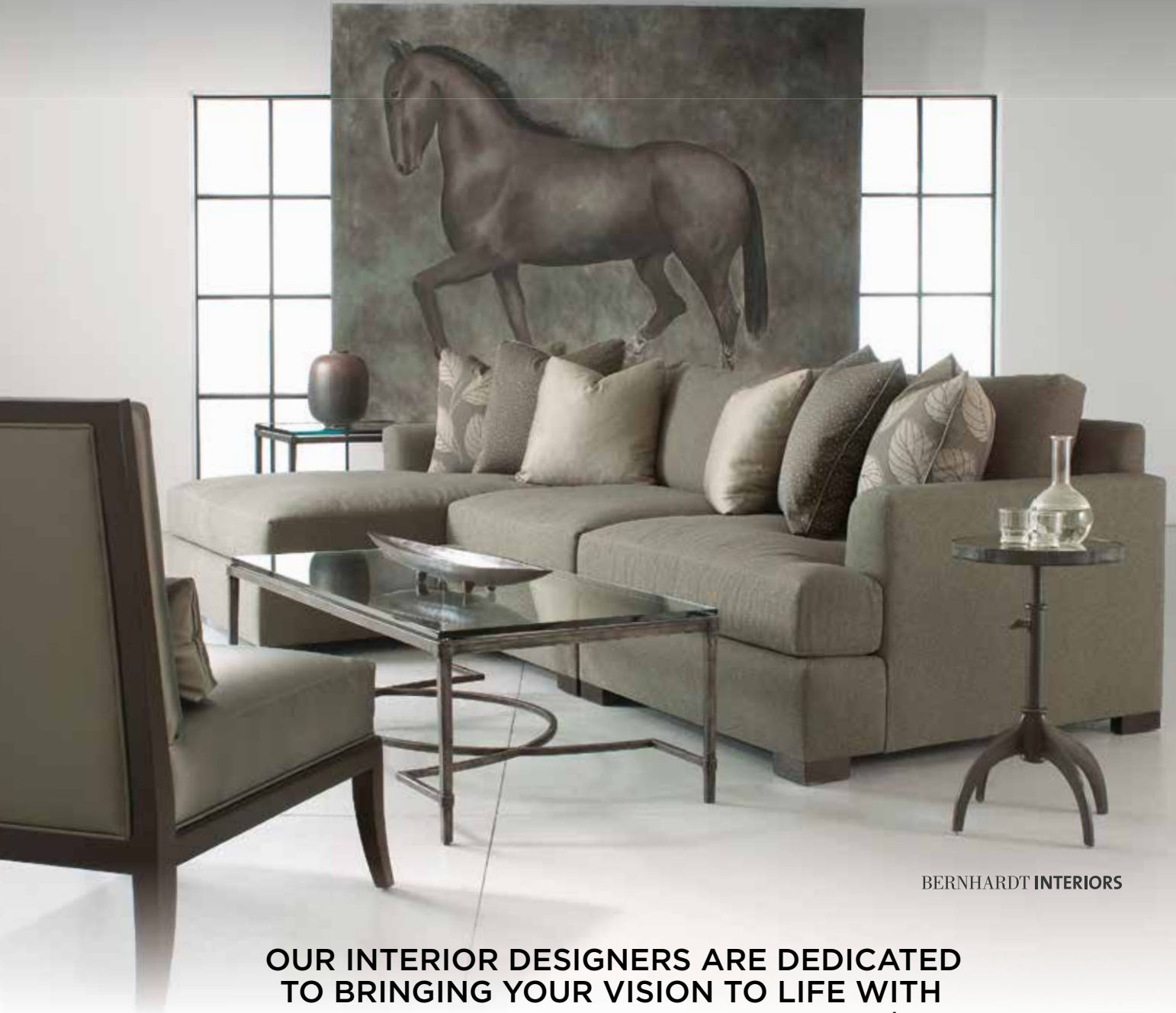
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# POINTE MAGAZINE



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## Happy Holidays!

My dad used to say, “What are you waiting for? Christmas?!” Fact is we’re already there with this our “holiday issue” of *Pointe Magazine*. I imagine your first clue was resident artist Dominic Pangborn’s beautiful cover art featuring St. Paul on the Lake. You will find all kinds of stories and things to do for the holidays in this issue of the magazine.

You will also find a new feature by Alex Kelly, a local student and automobile aficionado on Instagram who goes by the moniker, the “Car Paparazzi.” In this issue he does a Q & A with Grosse Pointe Farms resident John Colombo, who is the proud owner of a Ferrari 599 GTB.

Hey, maybe he will do me sometime about my 2002 Mini Cooper. I saw the Mini in the window of the BMW store on Gratiot in 2004. It was a 2-year lease trade-in.

I fell in love with Mini Coopers after watching the 2003 remake of the 1969 British comedy caper, *The Italian Job*. The new version starred Donald Sutherland and Mark Wahlberg. It goes without saying the get-away cars were Minis.

Anyway, when I saw it in the window at the dealer, I had to have it. One thing I didn’t like about it was it was plain — all black. So I asked them if they could make the top a black-and-white checker board. They said they could, and I said, “I’ll take it!”

Terry hates the car. It’s too small, and she refuses to drive it unless absolutely necessary — like the time when I was “missing” while driving her car during a snowstorm. I arrived home just in time to see her getting into the Mini Cooper. “I thought you were in an accident and dying somewhere!” she retorted when I asked her why she was getting into the Mini.

“You’d do that for me? I asked. She spun around and stalked into the house. I knew then, as if I needed a reminder, she must really love me to suffer driving the Mini Cooper on my account!

I’ve always wanted to take part in those Mini Cooper road rallies, but who has the time? At any rate, I still drive it. It’s perfect for tooling around the Pointes and downtown!

As I run out of space, I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and holiday season no matter your faith. And, as always, be sure to patronize our many loyal advertisers and businesses, without whom this magazine would not be possible! ☺

*John*

The Old Newsboys’ Goodfellow Fund of Detroit is in the thick of its holiday events and initiatives. The organization has many Grosse Pointe members, John Minnis and myself among them. Each year, they do all in their power to ensure there is “no kiddie without a Christmas” in Detroit.

We were fortunate enough to receive an in-depth look into the organization when they asked us to write an Arcadia history book for their 100th anniversary in 2014. Pete Waldmeir, longtime Goodfellow, Grosse Pointer, Detroit News alum and former recipient of a Goodfellow Christmas box himself, inspired us and helped with the book. And working with Frank Brady (also a Pointer) and Henry Guthard, whose families were founding members, was an honor. With Henry, we pored over archives and film negatives at Walter P. Reuther Library, digging our hands into the soil of this group, finding at its foundation, the purest intentions, ones that remain today.

It all started with James J. Brady who saw a cartoon of a child sobbing over an empty stocking on Christmas morning, wondering what she’d done wrong. Why hadn’t Santa visited? He couldn’t shake the image and made it his mission in life to bring Christmas to the underprivileged in Detroit.

I’m anxious to get back to work with the Goodfellows this year. On Monday, Nov. 26, you’ll find me walking in their Sales Day Parade downtown and hawking newspapers for donations, as the Old Newsboys have done since the beginning.

A couple of years ago, I hawked newspapers in Campus Martius, and I’m surprised to say, sold the most that day! That *may* have been because I sheepishly ducked out of the cold and into the lobby of an office building. Early lunch breakers passed in droves, trading their cash for my Goodfellow papers.

What makes the Fund so special is the incredibly low overhead. Every penny I collected that day went directly to helping underprivileged children. Each holiday season the Detroit Goodfellows distribute holiday gift boxes, containing clothing, toys, books, games, candy, dental kit, library card and more, to children ages four through 13 living in Detroit, Highland Park, River Rouge, Hamtramck and Harper Woods.

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# Meet Adin

Name: **Adin Michael Richard**

Birthdate: **Feb. 16, 2017**

Siblings: **Arnett, 6, and Angel, 2 months**

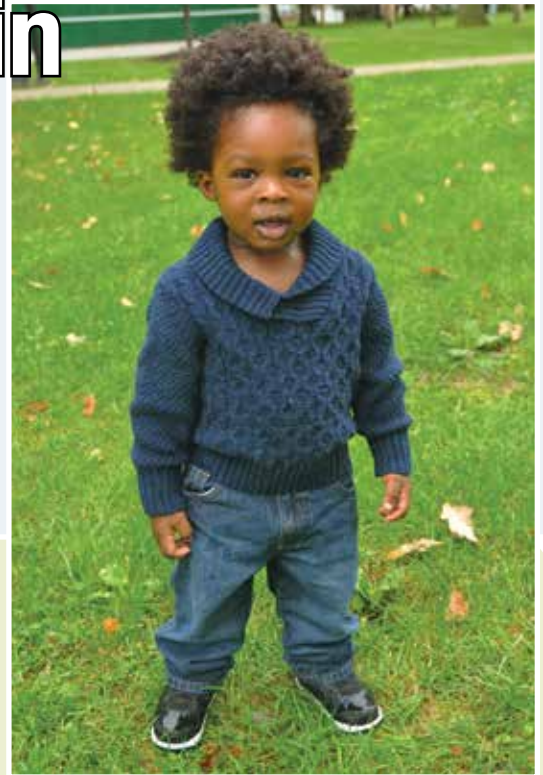
Favorite activity: **Going to the park, scribbling, playing with his brother**

Cute fact: **Adin's name (and spelling of name) was taken from the Bible, Nehemiah 7:20**

Parents: **Arnett Richard III & Nicole Richard**

City: **Grosse Pointe Woods**

First word: **Daddy, ball, blue**

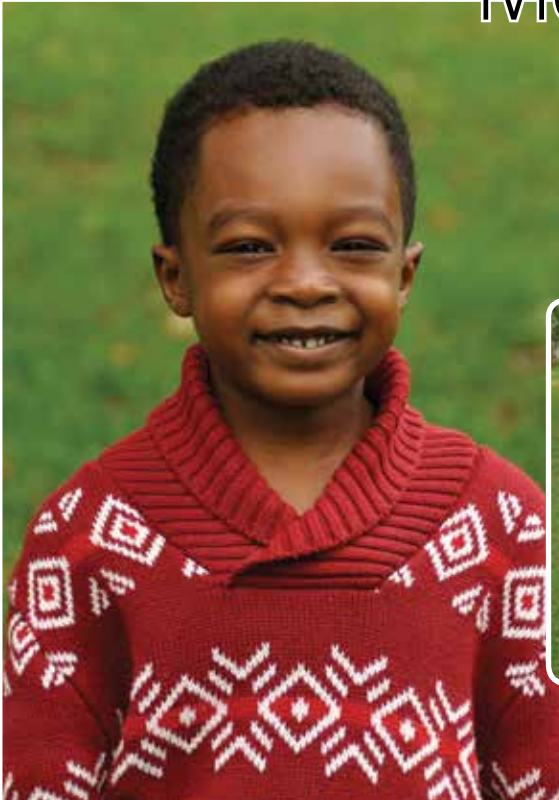


## About Adin

*in Mommy and Daddy's words*

Adin is very energetic and loving. He loves playing with his big brother, dad and giving his baby sister kisses. He loves giving hugs to family and story time. He often will pick up a book at home for you to read to him. Adin loves to push around car toys and pretend he's driving while making noise. Being outside is what he likes best. He is a fun-loving, strong-willed toddler with a big personality. We can't wait to see him live out his God-given talents.

# Meet Arnett



Name: **Arnett Richard IV** Age: **6** City: **Grosse Pointe Woods**

Parents: **Arnett Richard III & Nicole Richard**

Siblings: **Adin, 21 months, and Angel, 2 months**

Interests: **Creating new things, playing with friends and playing basketball**



## Favorites

Food

**Pasta**

Game

**Basketball**

Outdoor Activity

**GaGa Ball**

Vacation

**Disney World**

School Subject

**Math**

Book

**Oh, the Places You'll Go!**

Who is your hero and why?

**God, because I like God**

What is your favorite thing about going to school?

**Recess**

What do you want to be when you grow up?

**Officer or creative designer**

What is your favorite thing to do with your family?

**Play and make crafts**

## About Arnett

"I love having friends and playing. Lots of people like to play with me. I'm kind to people and a leader!"

# Thank You

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# Meet Kamryn



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**What song have you downloaded that would surprise people?**

Lately, I have been listening to a lot of 1940/50s remixes, which might surprise some people since most of the time I listen to hip hop.

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

1. Travel to Paris
2. Unlimited amount of art supplies
3. Travel to the Aztec temples in Mexico

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

I see myself playing college basketball, studying in the special education field and working on art projects on the side.

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

I wanted to be a marine biologist, but now I want to be an artist or work with kids with special needs.

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**Name** Kamryn Richards

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**Age** 14

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**City** Grosse Pointe Park

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**School** Grosse Pointe South

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**Parents** Kevin and Kara Richards

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**Siblings** Karter, 12, Kooper, 9,  
Korver, 6, Keeley, 4

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## Kamryn's Favorites

**Music Artist**

Bazzi

**TV Show**

*The Office*

**School Subject**

World History

**Movie**

*My Next Door Neighbor Totoro*

**Actor/Actress**

Jenny Slate

**Book**

*Wonder*

**Vacation**

Going to Virginia Beach

**Website**

Furrylittlepeach.com

**Food**

Italian sausage

**Extracurricular Activity**

Basketball

**Teacher**

Mr. Booker

## About Kamryn

“I have enjoyed participating in sports since I was three years old. I have played on several soccer, volleyball and basketball teams. The fun part is my dad has coached most of my basketball teams growing up. My family’s names all start with the letter K, which makes all of our initials K.R.”

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Photo by Lauren McGregor

By Lauren McGregor

Few schools can claim a senator's visit. Even fewer can say they've had a senator interviewed by the high school editors the week of a Supreme Court Justice appointment.

Syeda Rizvi, editor of Grosse Pointe North's *North Pointe*, and Alyssa Czech, editor of Grosse Pointe South's *The Tower*, were given that opportunity.

"Getting to interview a senator is rewarding," says Czech. "It's helpful for my future, gaining this experience."

Michigan Senator Gary Peters flew in for the community wide luncheon hosted by Grosse Pointe Public Schools at Defer Elementary School. Members from all Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods city councils, public safety departments, media and public and private school administrations were in attendance.

The gathering's purpose is to foster unity among local organizations,

governments and schools.

"Functions like these are crucial to building a relationship between the children and adults of the community," says Rizvi. "It's important for everyone to realize that teenagers have their own perspective. They are the future of the community."

A testament to a Grosse Pointe education, the high school editors questioned the senator about everything from gun control in schools to plans to expand technological program offerings in secondary education.

Senator Peters' speech focused on the rapidly expanding technological industry and the ways in which Michigan would prepare for its growing work force. Before his talk, he described to Czech, a South senior, and Rizvi, a North junior, the "major shortfall in women and minorities" in technological positions.

"We have to ask, 'Why aren't they

seeking these jobs?'"


He explained the current (and anticipated) boom in skilled trades, with a two or four year degree no longer being a requirement for many people.

"Other good paying jobs will be available for a strong, middle class life," says Peters.

He plans to promote skilled trades in secondary education, including programs that will teach counselors how to present these options to students.

Finally, he described to Czech and Rizvi his plans for training a cyber workforce and for expanding programs in STEM fields. Peters wants Michigan to be the leader in what he anticipates will be a major change to society and jobs.

"Make sure you have coding skills," he advises. "It will be part of most jobs."

"Grosse Pointe programs are right on point," he laughs. "No pun intended." 

# Exercise: The Fountain of Youth

By Ken Welch

We know exercise is good for your body and your overall health, but something that doesn't get enough attention is the benefit to your skin.

Most people who start exercise routines are pleasantly surprised at how their bodies become toned and tight, especially when strength training is also a part of it. The real eye opener is how it affects their face and neck.



“Like a face lift without the surgery,” one client told me. Along with that is the realization that their complexion looks much better too.

Color seems to be coming back to their face and they look more refreshed. Why?

Dermatologist, Audrey Kunin, MD, who wrote the book, *The DERMAdoctor Skinstruction Manual* explains it this way.

“Working up a good sweat is like getting a mini facial,” she says. “When the pores dilate, sweat expels trapped dirt and oil.”

She does advise that you wash your face after so that you can keep that dirt and oil from reentering your skin.

But wait! There's more. She further explains:

“Breaking a sweat isn't the only way exercise benefits the skin — it also reduces body wide inflammation, helps regulate skin significant hormones and prevents free radical damage. When you exercise, the tiny arteries in your skin open up, allowing more blood to reach the skin's surface and deliver nutrients that repair damage from the sun and environmental pollutants. So your skin looks younger.”

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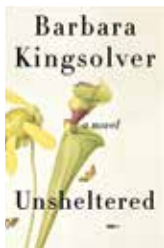
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# Peggy's Picks



By Peggy Kitchel  
Assistant Director, Grosse Pointe Public Library

Every holiday season, I give my husband books. My shopping is easy. He hands me a list. Done! But how do you know what book to buy for your friends and loved ones? The GPPL is here to make your task a bit simpler. You may even find the perfect gift here.



**Unsheltered**  
By Barbara Kingsolver

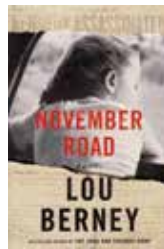
Willa Knox has always been a hard-working, responsible person but she has nothing to show for it except a stack of unpaid bills and the house she inherited. When she investigates the history of her home she discovers a kindred spirit from the 1880s, Thatcher Greenwood. A portrait of life in unsettling times when the foundations of the past fail to prepare us for the future.



**Cook Like a Pro**  
By Ina Garten

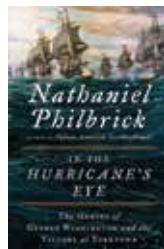
Ina Garten has taught millions of people how to cook. In her new book she shares a brand new collection of simple and streamlined recipes for cooks of any level of experience. For Ina, cooking like a pro also means hosting

like a pro, so you'll find dozens of great ideas to boost your entertaining skills.



**November Road**  
By Louis Berney

Frank Guidry, a street lieutenant for a New Orleans mob boss, flees when his knowledge about JFK's assassination makes him a target. When he sees a beautiful housewife on the side of the road with a broken-down car he sees the perfect disguise. She's on the run too, making an escape from a stifling existence. A story of unforeseen connections, sudden possibilities and the hope of second chances.



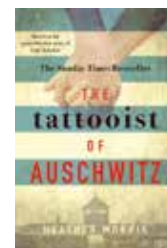
**In the Hurricane's Eye**  
By Nathaniel Philbrick

In the final, fateful year of the Revolutionary War George Washington realized he needed the help of the French Navy to defeat the British. American troops surrounded Cornwallis and the French Navy blocked any chance of rescue by sea. The Battle of the Chesapeake was the decisive event that made victory at Yorktown possible. A lively narrative for readers of history.



**The Witch Elm**  
By Tana French

Toby is a happy-go-lucky charmer who is out celebrating with friends when the night takes a turn that will change his life: he surprises two burglars who beat him and leave him for dead. Struggling to recover from his injuries, he takes refuge at his family's ancestral home to care for his dying uncle. Then he makes a grisly discovery revealing an unsuspected family history.



**The Tattooist of Auschwitz**  
By Heather Morris

In April 1942, a Slovakian Jew is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau where he is put to work as Tätowierer (tattooist). Risking his life, he uses his position to exchange jewels and money for food to keep his fellow prisoners alive. Based on interviews conducted with Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov and a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions.

Top photo by Jeffrey Sauger, courtesy of GPPL



# 25 YEARS

The Holley Institute



The Holley Institute celebrated its 25th anniversary at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Oct. 4, 2018.

The Holley Institute has served thousands of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing people and their families over the years.

They have screened for hearing loss in over 60,000 newborns at St. John Hospital with its trained volunteers. All of these services are a result of community support.

As they move into 2019, a new initiative is on the horizon, the Family Literacy Program. With this program, the highly trained mentors visit the children's natural environments (usually their homes) and work with the family as a whole on early intervention and literacy.

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, The Holley Institute will host its annual St. Nicholas Christmas Dinner Party. Proceeds from that event will benefit the Family Literacy Program.

For more information, please contact Debbie-Mitre-Smith at [debbie.mitre-smith@ascension.org](mailto:debbie.mitre-smith@ascension.org).

Above, Dr. William Rice (Vice President, The Holley Institute, Grosse Pointe Shores resident), Ardis Gardella (President, The Holley Institute, Grosse Pointe Shores resident), Dr. Daniel Megler (Board Chair, The Holley Institute, Grosse Pointe resident) and Robert Hoban (President, Ascension St. John Hospital).

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# DRIVING GROSSE POINTE DREAMS TO REALITY

By Alexander Kelly

*J*ohn Colombo of Grosse Pointe Farms is the proud owner of a Ferrari 599 GTB. The 599 GTB is powered by a 6.0 L V12 engine pushing 612 horsepower. I asked John some questions about his car and himself:

**Q: How did your passion for cars start?**

A: It started at the Detroit Grand Prix. When I was a little kid, I used to go there when the racing was on the streets and watch the Formula One racing. I would always watch the races on Sunday mornings on the Canadian station, Channel 9.

**Q: Why did you buy a Ferrari 599 GTB?**

A: The boyhood dream of wanting to own a race car. I grew up seeing race cars and have been fortunate enough to race some of those cars on the track. A Ferrari V8 sounds good but it just doesn't feel Ferrari enough to me. That is one reason I bought the 599.

**Q: What do you like about the Ferrari 599 GTB?**

A: Everything. The V12 engine sounds amazing and brings a special experience every time I drive it.

**Q: Anything you dislike?**

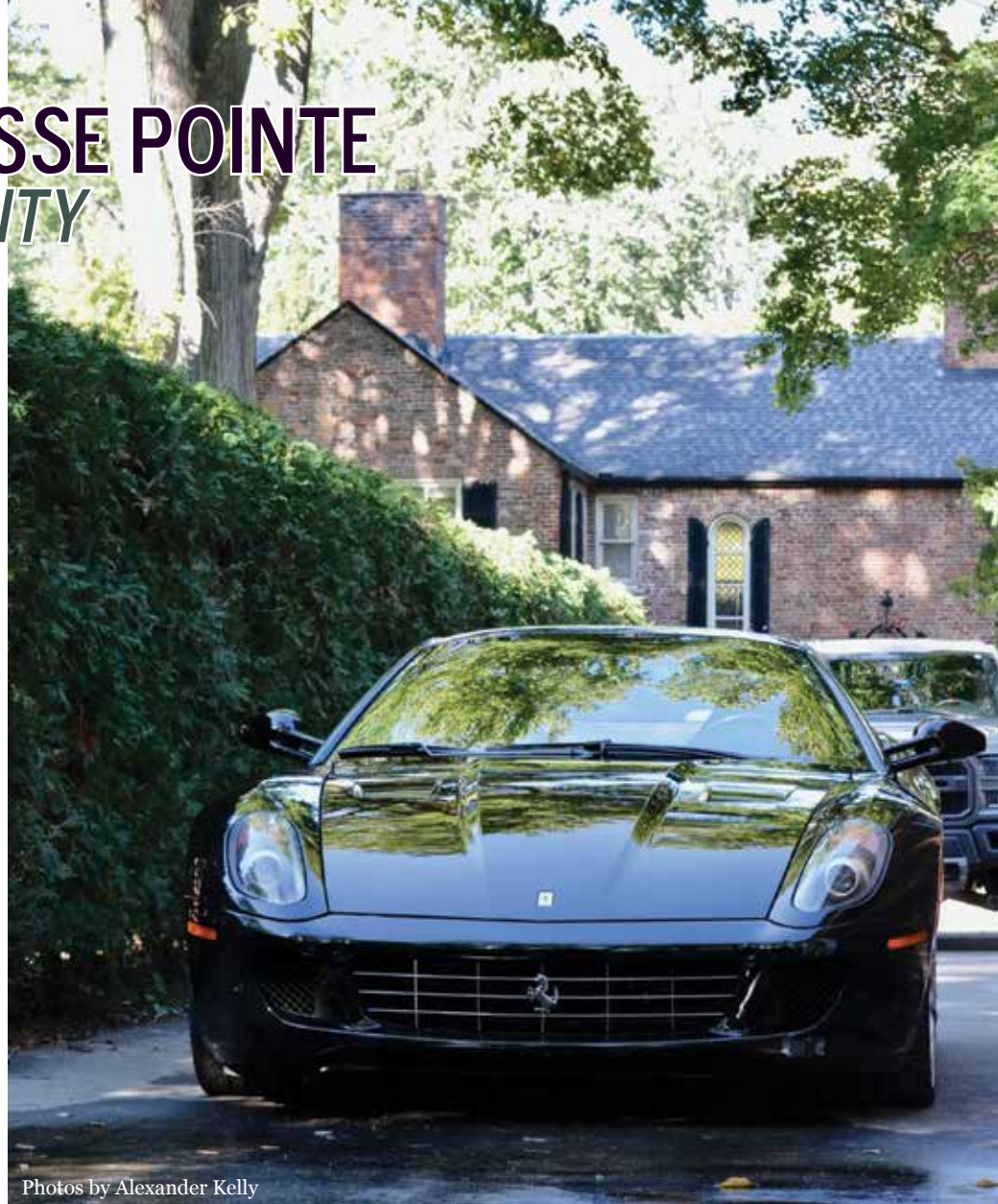
A: Nothing. I do have a problem though with the Michigan roads that I have to drive on.

**Q: What makes this car stand out from the previous cars you have owned?**

A: The sound of the Ferrari V12 is unlike anything else. The way it drives is just incredible and growing up I always wanted to own a V12 Ferrari.

**Q: What other cars would you be interested in purchasing?**

A: That's a tough question. There



Photos by Alexander Kelly

are so many great cars on the market right now. I have been looking at the McLaren 720s, which is just out of this world. Another car which appeals to me a lot is the Ferrari F12tdf (track focused version of the F12 Berlinetta). I just need for people to lose some interest in them, a drop in value, and I am in.

**Q: What brought you to Grosse Pointe?**

A: I came here first for my kids' education, and I have stayed here because of the community and family retention. Everyone in Grosse Pointe genuinely gets along and that is what makes me want to stay here. 🇵🇸

To see more local cars, visit Alexander Kelly on Instagram:

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# OPERATION WARM



Children receiving coats at Crossroads of Michigan

By Peter Stroh, Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe

Warming the hearts, minds and bodies of children, Operation Warm inspires hope and empowers communities by providing new winter coats to children in need across the country. Since its beginning in 1998, Operation Warm has provided this gift of warmth to more than one million children.

Closer to home in southeast Michigan, Operation Warm-Detroit finds Rotarians in the Grosse Pointes and Detroit taking charge, along with the Northeast Guidance Center, working together to fund, purchase and distribute 4,000 coats for this winter.

This very important metro area initiative dates back to 2012 through the selfless club-wide efforts of the Grosse Pointe Rotary, Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary, Detroit Rotary and Detroit A.M. Rotary.

The goal is to combine resources

to spike community-wide awareness to generate funds to help more at-risk children brave our harsh winter temperatures and conditions. Kids in warm winter coats are generally healthier and less likely to become ill and miss school. Operation Warm is not just about distributing coats, but giving at-risk kids a better chance to succeed. Total coats purchased and distributed over the past six-year effort in metro Detroit is 22,800.

Winter coats are purchased from a national clearinghouse at a cost of approximately \$20 each. Coats are then distributed to selected agencies and schools in the area, including Northeast Guidance Center, Crossroads of Michigan, the National School Lunch Program in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, Matrix Human Services, For the Seventh Generation and The Children's Center of Detroit.

The Rotary clubs' Operation Warm-Detroit fund raising effort continues through the end of 2018. A donation of \$20 will buy a coat for a child and support his or her wellbeing this winter. Three ways to support this worthwhile cause:

- Visit [www.grossepointerotary.org](http://www.grossepointerotary.org) and click on "Donate to Operation Warm-Detroit." (Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible for those who itemize deductions.)
- Mail a check to Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
- Visit <http://operationwarm-detroit.org> to make a donation.


Parting thought: "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." - Desmond Tutu 

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Photo by Nicolle Noel

**“Students are proud to be individuals and wanted to be represented that way in their drawings.”**

Nicolle Noel’s art classes at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School completed this colorful collective project with the theme of “Let your true colors shine.”

“The objective was for the students to explore their own style,” says Noel. “They could draw any subject in their portrait.”

The only stipulation was that they choose one color for the entire piece of art.

“They chose their favorite color

and were asked to use only one color monochromatically.”

This in itself was the challenge. “Some students had a hard time keeping with one color, so they added browns and blacks for skin and hair colors,” says Noel. “Students are proud to be individuals and wanted to be represented that way in their drawings.”

Each student chose their subject: some drew themselves, favorite characters they see themselves as, or even pets they love. [☺](#)



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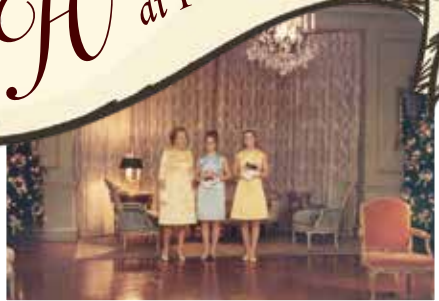
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# HOLIDAY BELLES at Ford House



By Lauren McGregor

This holiday season, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is bringing Eleanor Ford to life as a grandmother and a hostess with *Holiday Belles*. For the first time, guests will have the opportunity to tour Ford House exactly as Eleanor would have decorated it for Christmas in the 1960s.

“This is an authentic recreation of the debutante receptions Eleanor hosted for her granddaughters,” says Director of Visitor Experience, Sheila Ruen. “More historically accurate than any Christmas tours we’ve done.”

They are accomplishing the feat with the help of newspaper articles, scrapbooks, family narratives and oral histories. But most useful of all are the photographs published in local newspapers.

“We are focusing on two years in the 60s,” explains Director of Material Culture, Lisa Worley. “We will recreate what is in the photos.”

This includes the fruit laden decorations, six-foot wreaths flanking the fireplace and spring-like floral arrangements. Ford House even plans to remove the Gallery’s chandeliers and replace them with hanging Christmas

trees, true to Eleanor form.

“It’s a one-of-a-kind perspective into the creativity and playfulness of Eleanor,” says Ruen.

The butler’s pantry will be staged as if food is being prepared for transportation to the dining room — including smell!

“It’s a multi-sensory approach,” says Worley. Included in this multi-sensory experience are luminous digital photos displayed in wood frames. The photos, from receptions, will serve as reference points for the room’s recreation.

The purpose of the debutante receptions was for high society to meet and mingle before the girls’ formal debut to society. They were a gift from “Granny” to her granddaughters Josephine “Jo,” Martha “Muffy,” Sheila, Lynn, Eleanor “Nonnie,” and Anne.

“It was Grandma’s celebration of her granddaughters and a way for people to experience how the family used the house after Edsel’s death,” says Ruen.

Eleanor was close to floral designer Medard Lange and interior designer Polly Jessup and employed their expertise for many years.

“She collaborated closely with them for the debutante receptions as well,”

says Ruen. “Jessup was known for integrating art with design.”

The Ford family’s art collection was an important element of the home’s interior design and incorporated into party decor.

On the guided tour, visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the receptions, Ford family Christmas traditions and entertaining at the estate, including lesser known family stories.

“We want this to be how Eleanor would want people to see the house today,” says Worley.

The authenticity also means there will be no Winter Wonderland this year. With construction ongoing, visitors are reminded to visit the Garage, the temporary visitor center and gift shop.

*Holiday Belles* guided tours will take place from Nov. 23 to Jan. 6. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors, \$8 for children, and free for members. Evening tours are sold in advance at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) and daytime tours are first come, first served. ☎

**Counter clockwise from top left, Eleanor, Nonie and Josephine, 1965; Muffy and Josephine 1966; hanging trees 1966; Eleanor, Muffy and Josephine, 1966; 1969 reception gallery; Lynn, Eleanor and Sheila, 1969**



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## THE TASTE - NOV. 17

*T*he Taste: “An Evening of Beer and Wine Tasting, Food Sampling, and Music” will take place Saturday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

The event is hosted by Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and will feature live music by Madigan’s Attic, a cash bar and valet parking. Casual cocktail attire is recommended for this 21 and over evening.

Tickets are \$35 in advance, available at <https://olsos.org/the-taste>, and \$40 at the door.

The much anticipated Catch a Lucky Star drawing will take place at 9:30 p.m.

For a list of featured vendors and more information, visit [olsos.org/the-taste](https://olsos.org/the-taste).

## PARCELLS HOLIDAY BAZAAR - DEC. 1

*P*arcells Holiday Bazaar is set for Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Parcells Middle School.

The popular arts and craft show will include gifts of all kinds, from jewelry and apparel to home decor and holiday items and more.

This marks the 43rd Holiday Bazaar, the proceeds from which go to Parcells’ student programs.

Aside from the shopping, food options will be available as well as a 50/50 raffle.

Entry is \$2 before 10 a.m. and \$3 after 10 a.m.

For information, e-mail [parcells.bazaar@gmail.com](mailto:parcells.bazaar@gmail.com).

## THE LAKE HOUSE, NEIMAN MARCUS TEAM UP - DEC. 5

By Anne Erickson

*F*or seven years, The Lake House has provided unwavering compassion and assistance for those impacted by cancer.

“Our mission is to support, empower and educate anyone touched by cancer,” says Madeline Bialecki, executive director of The Lake House. “We work with people who have any kind of cancer, and we work with anyone touched by it, not just the person who gets it. Cancer has a ripple effect with anyone in their circle.”

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., a special fundraising event for The Lake House will take place at Neiman Marcus at Somerset Collection in Troy. Attendees may shop anywhere

in the store, and Neiman Marcus will donate 10 percent of the sales to The Lake House.

Neiman Marcus will also have food and cocktails at the event. There’s a suggested donation of \$100, and attendees are asked to RSVP at [Milakehouse.org](http://Milakehouse.org).

This special shopping night for The Lake House has been an annual event for years, but this is the first year it will take place at Neiman Marcus. Past events were hosted at private homes with Neiman Marcus bringing items in.

Shery Cotton is on the honorary board of The Lake House and has been involved with the shopping event from the start. Cotton thinks having the

event go public this year will bring new attention to The Lake House.

“It opens up so much opportunity, and more people will be able to hear about The Lake House and the wonderful things they do,” Cotton says.

“A lot of resources have dried up for people with cancer, because a lot of hospitals have lost funding, and The Lake House steps in with great resources for people dealing with this,” she adds. “It’s a place to go to be with people who understand what they’re going through. It’s a dedicated group of people, and I’m so proud of what The Lake House has done.”

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# Santa-approved events for your kiddies this holiday season!

## ***Friday, Nov. 16***

- The Village Tree Lighting, annual tree lighting ceremony and celebration on Kercheval, 5:30 p.m.
- City of Grosse Pointe Foundation Family Jingle & Mingle after the Village Tree Lighting, under the tent at St. Clair and Kercheval, food, drinks and children's activities, K-Line trolley will also be running! 6:30 p.m.

## ***Saturday, Nov. 17***

- Grosse Pointe Park Holiday Market and Tree Lighting at Windmill Pointe Park, 3-7 p.m.

## ***Tuesday, Nov. 20***

- Woods Aglow tree lighting and holiday celebration at Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 7 p.m.

## ***Friday, Nov. 23***

- Grosse Pointe Lions Club presents the 21st annual Jingle Bell Fun Run/Walk, start and finish at The Whiskey Six in The Village, register by Nov. 16, 8-10 a.m. Following the Parade, Santa will be at Whiskey Six from 12-3 p.m. for photos and a holiday buffet!
- Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade in The Village, 10 a.m.
- Following the Santa Claus Parade, visit Central Library for some holiday fun, face painting and door prizes (while supplies last), 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Then head over to Woods Branch where kids will be able to take a photo with Peter Pan and Tinker Bell, write and mail letters to Santa and make a craft, 1-3 p.m.

## ***Saturday, Nov. 24***

- Santa Saturdays in The Village, children and parents visit with Santa Claus and make holiday cards, also Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- West Park Winter Social on Kercheval in the Park, family friendly activities, food, drinks, live entertainment and much more, 4-11 p.m.

## ***Sunday, Nov. 25***

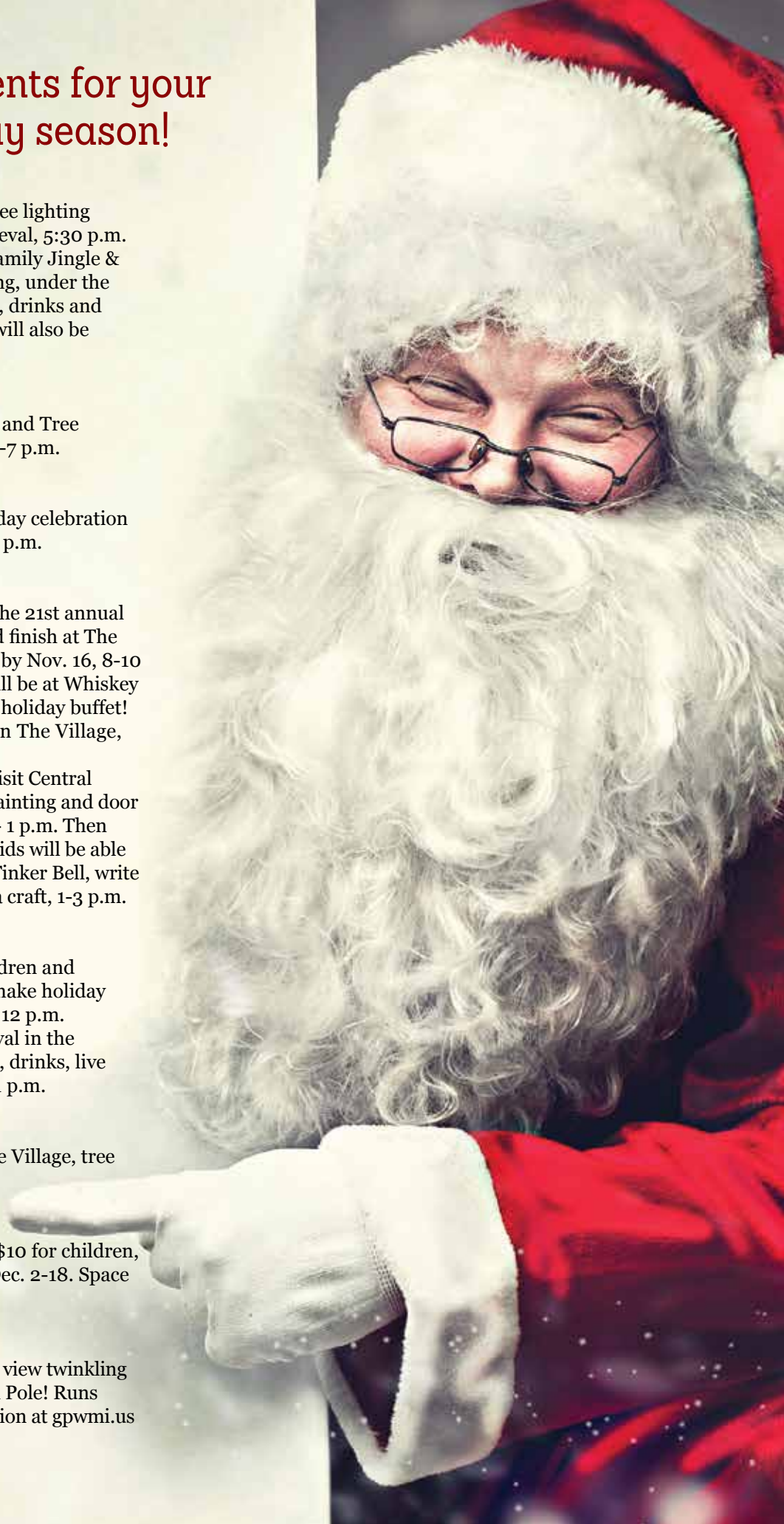
- Grosse Pointe Shores Lighting of the Village, tree lighting, 6 p.m.

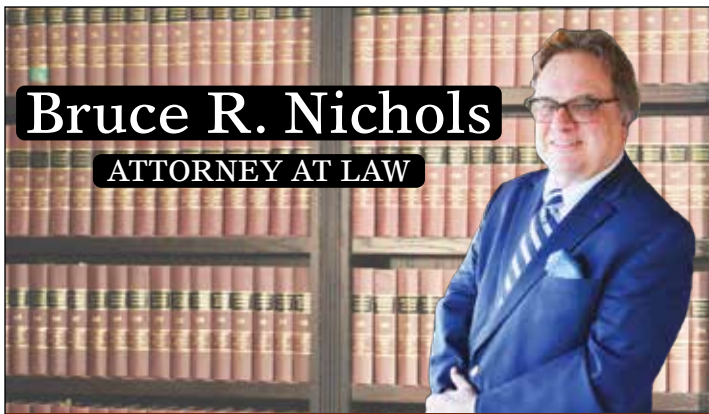
## ***Sunday, Dec. 2***

- Cookies with Santa at Ford House, \$10 for children, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays, Dec. 2-18. Space is limited! Tickets at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org)

## ***Thursday, Dec. 6***

- Grosse Pointe Woods Polar Express, view twinkling lights before journeying to the North Pole! Runs through Dec. 15, additional information at [gpwmi.us](http://gpwmi.us)





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## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD AT THE SANTA CLAUS PARADE

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.

It's the day of the year when the Pointes take holiday spirit into the street.

Kercheval Avenue will become the scene of the annual Santa Claus Parade beginning at 10 a.m. Nov. 23, as the community celebrates the season together. Featuring live performers, floats and other festive attractions, not to mention a rotund visitor from the North Pole, the event is a regular highlight for children, families and anyone who wants a dose of yuletide cheer.



The Santa Claus Parade's route begins at Lewiston in Grosse Pointe Farms and proceeds along Kercheval

to Cadieux in Grosse Pointe. "Christmas Around the World" is 2018's theme of the celebration organized by Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

"The Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade has been a Grosse Pointe tradition for more than 40 years," says Jennifer Palms Boettcher, Chamber president. "There is no better way to kick off the holiday season than with thousands of families and

friends gathering on Kercheval from Lewiston to Cadieux, awaiting the arrival of jolly, old Santa."

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The parade lasts about an hour, drawing local residents and visitors from surrounding cities. The celebration is one of Grosse Pointe’s most well-attended public events, Boettcher says.

“Christmas Around the World” reflects a message of inclusion and fellowship shared in households throughout the Pointes with communities that observe the holiday all over the globe, she adds.

“Christmas is the most celebrated holiday around the world,” says Boettcher. “In a thousand different ways, people join together every year to celebrate Christmas with their own unique customs and traditions. We wanted this year’s parade to have an international feel, as floats designers and participants craft their display to the ‘Christmas Around the World’

theme.”


After the parade, families and children can enjoy an inexpensive breakfast buffet and photos with the guest of honor at The Whiskey Six restaurant, but not before the highlight of the day.

“Among all the creative entries, floats, mascots, walking groups and marching bands, the grand finale of the parade will be the entrance kids of all ages impatiently wait for,” Boettcher says, “the appearance of Santa Claus himself with Mrs. Claus as they ride through the parade, up in the treetops.”

Additional information about the event and sponsorship



opportunities is available at [www.grossepointechamber.com](http://www.grossepointechamber.com). Boettcher and the Chamber expect a strong turnout and memorable time.

“I might add the audience grows from year to year,” she says. “It is Grosse Pointe’s biggest and most popular parade.” 

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# Meet Cristi



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<b>Name</b>	Cristi Grace Henderson
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<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Park
<b>Occupation</b>	Owner/head coach, Rock Steady Boxing Metro Detroit

## Cristi's Favorites

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**Dessert**

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**What is one thing most people don't know about you?**

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

Serving my country in the Air National Guard

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

Without a doubt, my two sons

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

I would open a Parkinson's Wellness Center in the Grosse Pointe area that would offer a wide variety of programs for people with Parkinson's and also for their care-partners.

**Words to live by?**

Just be nice!

## About Cristi

"I am a native Grosse Pointer that left as a teenager. I met my husband Bill in the military and we made Grosse Pointe our home. Our sons, Nick and Devin, were born and raised here.

After leaving the military, I became a fitness instructor at Lavin's Activity Center in the Park. While I love helping people improve their health, I found my true passion when I became a RSB (Rock Steady Boxing) coach and opened my affiliate.

When I can relax, my favorite pastime is simply sitting on my front porch visiting with friends or reading books from the library."

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# Christmas traditions with Grosse Pointe Historical Society

**By Isabelle Donnelly**

**Director of Education, Grosse Pointe Historical Society**

The holiday season boasts countless traditions and artifacts dating back hundreds of years, many from here in Grosse Pointe.

The festivities typically begin with the exchange of Christmas cards, including the traditional practice of displaying them throughout the house.

Beloved recipes from grandparents' kitchens are cooked, giving the house that wonderful aroma of days gone by.

And what would Christmas be without music? Pavarotti's Christmas, A Charlie Brown Christmas, Bing Crosby, Nat King Cole and the plethora of jazz, rock, pop, soul and classical artists singing their interpretations of Christmas fill our hearts and homes with joy.

Ornaments that have been passed down from generation to generation are carefully hung on our trees. And let's not forget the ornaments our children made, our absolute favorites!

Nativity scenes are everywhere, from

mantels to front yards to church lawns.

To celebrate some of these traditions, Grosse Pointe Historical Society (GPHS) shares Christmas cards from the 1930s used by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

GPHS is able to share these items thanks to the Ralph C. Wilson grant, which has vastly improved the organization's digitizing capabilities. One of the items purchased was an Archivist Quill Book scanner which enables the reproduction of scrapbooks and rare books that in the past were too fragile to scan.

GPHS photographed these cards which were carefully glued to the inside of a DAR scrapbook. Also featured is a menu from the DAR annual meeting held January 8, 1897. Would anyone care to try out one of these holiday recipes?

Items like these will take you back to Christmases of the past and inspire the merrymaking of today. 📖





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# Gift to yourself

By Lina Bowman

The holidays are upon us again. How the years fly by!

Last year I talked about how the greatest gift we can give to ourselves and our loved ones is peace of mind. And the focus was on legacy planning and our loved ones.



This year, let's start at the beginning, creating and growing wealth and focus on giving your *future* self that special gift. It begins by paying yourself first. One of my favorite books on this topic is *The Richest Man in Babylon* by George S. Clason. In it he lays out a simple plan to invest 10 percent of everything you earn, spend no more than 70 percent for all living expenses, and finally use the last 20 percent to pay off debt.

Once your debt is paid off, use that same 20 percent to increase your investments.

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# Life happens, be prepared

By Anna Bartolotta

Situations occur daily, whether it is a leaky pipe, water coming into the ceiling, a tenant's heat going out or a tenant unable to pay rent due to their own situation.

How you handle these daily situations will either allow you to be successful or not.

Sometimes procrastination is a good thing because problems tend to work themselves out on their own, and other times not jumping into action can cost you tons more money from your own pocket.

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Life happens. Life happens to everyone; it is completely understandable, but be prepared.

I always believe people until they give me reason not to, but I always believe in doing small things necessary to watch the money. A "demand for payment" can easily be mailed or handed to a tenant so the two of you are on the same page of what money is expected and what you are willing to do to follow up on promises made to you.

After a determined amount of time, that "demand for payment" can be used to file on the tenant in the court system of your area. It is about doing things properly and ensuring promises are kept. One simple step can save you an entire month or more of unwanted stress.

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## Decorating Grosse Pointe Yacht Club



The holidays are upon us, that time of year when Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (GPYC) is turned into a winter wonderland.

Interior Designer Elisabeth Meda has coordinated the decorating for over 15 years. She, along with her assistant Cathy Hubmeier, make all of the preparations for the transformation months ahead of time. Women from the Club also provide their talent in bringing the space to life with expertise in prepping the greenery and adding ribbons and bows.

“It is definitely a team effort,” says Meda. “Wreaths, garlands and trees are decorated in each and every room and reflect the splendor of the season.”

A sophisticated mix of navy and gold have been used in the lobby recently,

as a nod to the yachting tradition.

Red, green and gold are also used throughout GPYC, as well as unexpected pops of deep plum and chartreuse green. Strings of white lights create the backdrop among the boughs, to which the decorations are added.

“We always work with varying textures, using twigs and pinecones along with decorations that have shimmer and sparkle,” says Meda. “Layering is important, as we always work from the inside out, where ornaments deep inside the branches catch the light and sprigs of texture reach to the outer edges.”

Each year, the incoming Commodore and spouse choose an area of the Club that is special to them and add

their signature touch. Whether it is an addition to the colors, a ribbon or an ornament, the specially chosen decoration commemorates their year in leading Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

At the end of the season, the decorations are carefully inventoried and stored for use the following year.

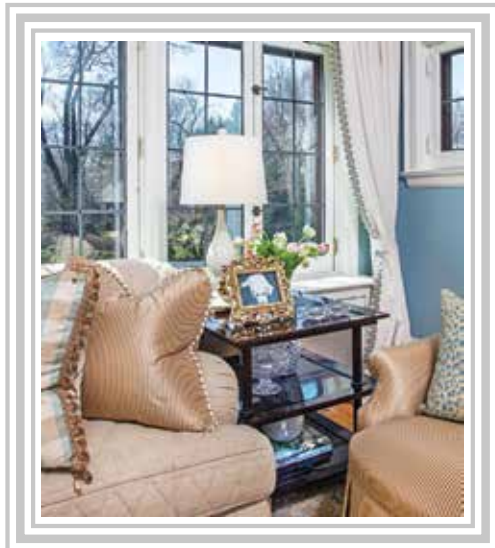
“We rotate things annually in order to create a fresh new look the following year,” says Meda.

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club is known for its long history and traditions. Members gather during the holidays to celebrate and enjoy the beauty of the Club during the holidays. It never fails to be a festive atmosphere enjoyed by all! ☺

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## at home in the Pointes

After the excitement of living and working in Toronto, Australia, Italy and Spain for what has been a primarily automotive related career, Nancy Olis knew exactly what she was looking for when it was time to move back. Her wish list for style and location was flexible, but she was

firm on finding a home to accommodate large family gatherings for special events and holidays, having missed so many while living abroad.

Olis purchased a home on a quiet street in Grosse Pointe Woods, with panoramic views of the beautiful grounds of the Grosse Pointe Equestrian

Club. The home wasn't large, but it was an open plan and she knew it would work well for entertaining.

Not only was the house in the center of her relatives spread throughout the Pointes, it would be an easy morning commute down picturesque Lake Shore Drive to her work in downtown Detroit.

Olis knew she wanted to use her favorite color palette with purple, fuschia and bright spring green in her decorating. Her taste had evolved to include a more formal, feminine look with some crystal accents.

Olis took her time selecting the right neutral backdrop, keeping her gorgeous view in mind as well as balancing the use of the rich bright colors she loves.

For decorating guidance, she knew she could rely upon the designer eye and expertise of sister Pat Casey, owner of Mack Avenue Drapery & Interiors.

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Shutters were added for sun protection during the day at two large back windows, and colorful silk draperies with a formal ball gown style top frame the views of horses running and playing just beyond her yard.

The first big change came after meeting Aaron Whittaker, owner of GPH Services, on the Cottage Hospital Kitchen Tour. At 6'4" he had a literally different perspective from Olis at an admitted "vertically challenged" 5'2".

Low hanging overhead cabinets were removed, opening up the kitchen to the family room, immediately adding brightness and light. They also moved the refrigerator and devised ways to add

more storage and serving space, though it made the family room doorwall three feet narrower.

White draw draperies now match a Roman shade over the kitchen sink, both custom made and trimmed in a fuchsia band studded with pearlescent white buttons.

"Opening the kitchen up to the family room allowed for a natural flow for our large extended family," Olis explains. "We start with drinks and hors d'oeuvres in the kitchen and family room, move into the dining room, and then to the

living room to enjoy a fire in the winter."

In the family room open to the kitchen, a patterned wool rug in lavender purple anchors the brightly patterned chairs and neutral sofa adorned with custom pillows in the colors she loves. The large cocktail table with leather top was a fabulous find at a local antique shop and is a wonderful conversation piece, plus spacious enough to have mercury glass pumpkins or Christmas trees as holiday centerpieces.





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She gives Joel Baird of Thistle Design Group credit for the decor.

“It was fun working with Nancy as she had some very nice items, but, like a lot of homeowners, wasn’t able to see them objectively,” says Baird. “I enjoy working with homeowners to reinvent their space. We create interesting focal points with their acquired items, as well as adding some new strategically placed items.”

“He brought my elements together,” says Olis. “He said, ‘If you have a story in your mind, follow that.’”

Speaking of stories, “It was like Goldilocks,” Olis muses of her leopard pattern wallpaper in the small powder room.

“I knew if I kept searching, I would find the one that was just right, and I

did!” says Olis. “The room is exactly as I envisioned it would be when I started thinking about the look I wanted.”

Adding the chandelier and accessories were the perfect finishing touches for the jewel box of a room.

Aside from her bright sofa and patterned dining room chair seats, Nancy’s family surprised her by acquiring two stools she longed for. They sit in front of the living room fireplace.

Custom decorative pillows tie the colors she loves to the antique settee in the entry, which was upholstered in a black tapestry print reminiscent of her time spent abroad. A mirrored cabinet adorned with family photos adds sparkle to the entry.

Taking her time, sticking to her

vision and using the colors she loves have made Olis’s home one she loves to settle into after long days at work. She has now comfortably hosted several family get togethers, including the Thanksgiving her brother and soon-to-be sister-in-law announced their engagement.

Her home was featured on the Cottage Hospital Kitchen Tour, where she received rave reviews about the wonderful use of space, and how open, livable and “real” her home was compared to some of the larger kitchens shown.

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# Thriving with a vegan lifestyle

By Joyce Wiswell

It was the kitchen that did it. While looking for a place larger than their current Harper Woods residence, retired IT executives Sonja and Don Steis came upon the perfect place in Grosse Pointe Woods last year.

“We ended up buying the house kind of on a whim,” says Sonja. “It had a gorgeous kitchen and that’s what sold us.”

Best of all, the kitchen is large enough for the occasional cooking classes Steis and her daughter Jamie Steis Thorsby, an environmental engineer,

**“The misconception is that being vegan is a hard lifestyle to maintain and difficult to adapt to, but it’s not true.”**

hold to promote veganism, a plant-based diet that uses no animal products. It’s a natural extension of the programs they’ve offered at area libraries and rec centers.

“The misconception is that being vegan is a hard lifestyle to maintain and difficult to adapt to, but it’s not true,” Steis says. “And people think that vegan food doesn’t taste good. I prove them wrong every time.”

The informal classes teach things like how to cook tofu — which really can be quite delicious — and how to use an air fryer, which requires little or no oil but, as Steis puts it, “satisfies your crunchy craving.”

Whether for health reasons, concern for the environment or unease about the treatment of animals on factory farms, veganism is becoming increasingly popular. A Top Trends report says that six percent of Americans identify as vegan, compared to just one

percent in 2014. Google searches for the word “vegan” leaped 90 percent in 2016.

“This is such a good time to be vegan because there are so many choices,” Steis says. “I am amazed at the number of vegan options even at places like Meijer and Kroger. It’s really easy to stick to a vegan diet, and it’s so healthy and cost effective.”

You’ll find a welcoming atmosphere and only the freshest organic ingredients at a Thrive Vegan cooking class — but you won’t get a lecture on animal rights.

“Everyone is on their own journey and life is full of choices. You can’t force people,” says Steis, noting that her husband is not vegan. “If you are going to eat a plant-based diet, it doesn’t matter what your reasons are. In the long run it is going to benefit some animals.”

Visit [thrivevegancooking.com](http://thrivevegancooking.com) for information on upcoming classes, vegan recipes, cooking videos and a blog. [P](#)

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# The malady of merriment

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

A word to the wise about a sinister malady that often rears its ugly head during times of merriment: Gout. The usual scenario is as follows: The morning after a holiday party where you overindulged, you notice your left big toe is red, hot and swollen. It hurts so much that you can't stand the bed sheet on it, let alone wear a shoe.

You wonder was it a bug bite? Did you fall and break a toe? No; this is a "gout attack."



Gout occurs when there is too much uric acid in the body and the crystals are deposited in a joint, most commonly a big toe but can also occur in an ankle, knee or finger joint. Uric acid crystals are formed from the breakdown of purines which are found in certain foods, such as red meat (beef, lamb, pork), organ meats (liver, kidneys) and certain seafood, such as tuna, shrimp, mussels and scallops.

Sugary foods like pies, cheesecake and cookies and alcohol, especially beer and distilled spirits, are also major triggers; so is dehydration. So a traditional holiday dinner has all the makings of a gout attack.

Health problems such as hypertension, diabetes, kidney disease and obesity and certain medications, such as diuretics (water pills), also increase the risk of an attack. Gout can be treated with medication and diet changes, but prevention is key!

Eat meats in moderation, avoid or cut down alcohol and remain well hydrated to stay happy and healthy during the holidays!

*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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# What? The “Queen” died without a will?

By Jon B. Gandelot

A retha Franklin, the “Queen of Soul,” died last August without a will or other estate plan. Her four children by various marriages stand to inherit her estimated \$80 million estate under Michigan’s law of “intestate succession.” The Oakland County Probate Court will oversee the administration of the estate.



Probate courts are open to the public.

Thus, her estate’s worth and any arguments among her children will be viewable. It will be interesting to see how many people come out of the woodwork to file claims against her estate.

Why she did not follow her lawyer’s advice and create a living trust to keep her affairs private is a mystery. Many people don’t want to think about death, so they procrastinate preparing for that event. Only 40 percent of adults have even a simple will, according to recent statistics.

Women, especially, should think of the necessity of an estate plan.

Statistically, the chance of dying is 100 percent. The only issue is when. Wouldn’t it make sense to prepare for something that WILL happen?

This is the holiday season — if you have not already done so — have a will or other estate plan in place before the new year. Peace of mind for you and your family is a priceless gift.

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

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# HOLLYFEST

By Matt Wentworth

*“ People tell me, ‘this has really changed my life.’ It’s enormously gratifying to support our community and give back. ”*

The Family Center, which has helped change lives in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods for 18 years, is readying for its enormous, annual fundraiser.

HOLLYFEST will take place at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Thursday, Nov. 29.

“It’s our major fundraising event,” says Beth Walsh-Sahutske, the board president of The Family Center. “We’re totally dependent on fundraising.”

This is the 16th HOLLYFEST, which features dinner, hors d’oeuvres and cocktails. There’s also an auction with items like a week-long stay at a villa in Italy, two nights at Grand Hotel, as well as gift baskets, and many more donated items.

“It’s the kickoff to the holidays,” says

Diane Strickler, founder of The Family Center. “Everything is so beautifully decorated.” The name of the event dates back to the invitations to the first holiday fundraiser, which featured a holly wreath. “It just seemed like HOLLYFEST fit,” Strickler says.

Jeff and Debra Jay, personal and professional supporters of The Family Center, will serve as this year’s honorary chairs. They’ve been instrumental in The Family Center’s efforts to provide help for people battling substance abuse.

It was nearly 20 years ago, when, Strickler says, she saw a need. She started the non-profit with a goal of supporting families in the Grosse Pointe area battling issues like mental health, drug addiction, eating disorders and aging loved ones.




Photo by Donald Schulte

The Family Center also started Play Central, where kids can go to a school gym to blow off steam in the winter. It's also a place where parents, grandparents and guardians can socialize.

"People will come up to me at an event and say, 'I'd like you to meet my daughter. We went to Play Central when she was a kid, and she's off to college, now.' It's very fulfilling," says Strickler.

Seeing people benefit from programs offerings has been incredibly rewarding to those involved.

"People tell me, 'this has really changed my life,'" says Walsh-Sahutske. "It's enormously gratifying to support our community and give back." 



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Grosse Pointe Theatre will present “A Golden Age Holiday,” a gala benefit performance and silent auction, on Sunday, Dec. 16 at The ARK, St. Ambrose in Grosse Pointe Park.

This magical holiday experience, supporting Grosse Pointe Theatre’s performing arts productions, will include a strolling cocktail and hors d’oeuvre reception, an exciting silent auction with high-end experiences and a variety of special themed-packages, and a musical performance by some of Grosse Pointe Theatre’s most gifted stars.

There will also be a chance for a 52-card raffle. Any of these amazing items and experiences would make a great holiday gift! Among them are two tickets to the taping of “The Ellen DeGeneres Show” in Los Angeles, including airfare and hotel accommodations; an autographed

baseball bat by Victor Martinez; Girls Night Out for 10 people at Duffy & Company; a \$1,000 Estee Lauder Gift Basket; Sunset Cruise on Lake St. Clair; four tickets to the taping of “Jeopardy! America’s Favorite Quiz Show;” two tickets to “Hamilton” at the Fisher Theatre; Detroit Red Wing tickets; Dinner at The London Chop House, and so much more.

The “Golden Age” benefit performance is the creation of Don Bischoff, director, choreographer and performer. Bischoff has won several awards for his creative, Broadway-style productions and he has assembled a superb cast to join him for this special holiday treat.

Joining Bischoff to perform a medley of songs from Irving Berlin, Ira Gershwin and Cole Porter, along with several holiday favorites, are Stephanie Butler, Christine Campbell-Cormier, Danielle Caralis, Catie Hauff,

Lindsey Tycholiz-McKiddy, Robby Mullinger, Tom Pagano and Tom Woodman.

There will be two 45-minute acts with one intermission, at which time guests can visit the dessert table and place a final bid on any of the silent auction packages.

Supporter level tickets are \$75 per person and Star Supporter tickets are \$125 per person. Star Supporters receive two tickets to a show of their choice in Grosse Pointe Theatre’s 2018/19 Season, as well as recognition in event signage. Seating is limited. Tickets are available at [gpt.org](http://gpt.org) or (313) 881-4004.


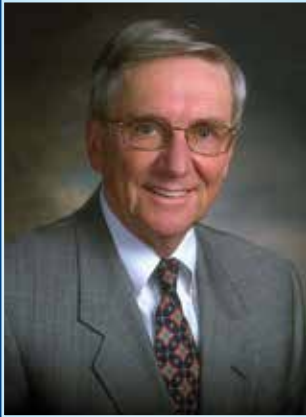
Cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and silent auction begin at 4:30 p.m. The musical performance begins at 5:30 p.m. Following an intermission and dessert, the final musical performance and cash-out for silent auction will take place at 7:30 p.m. 

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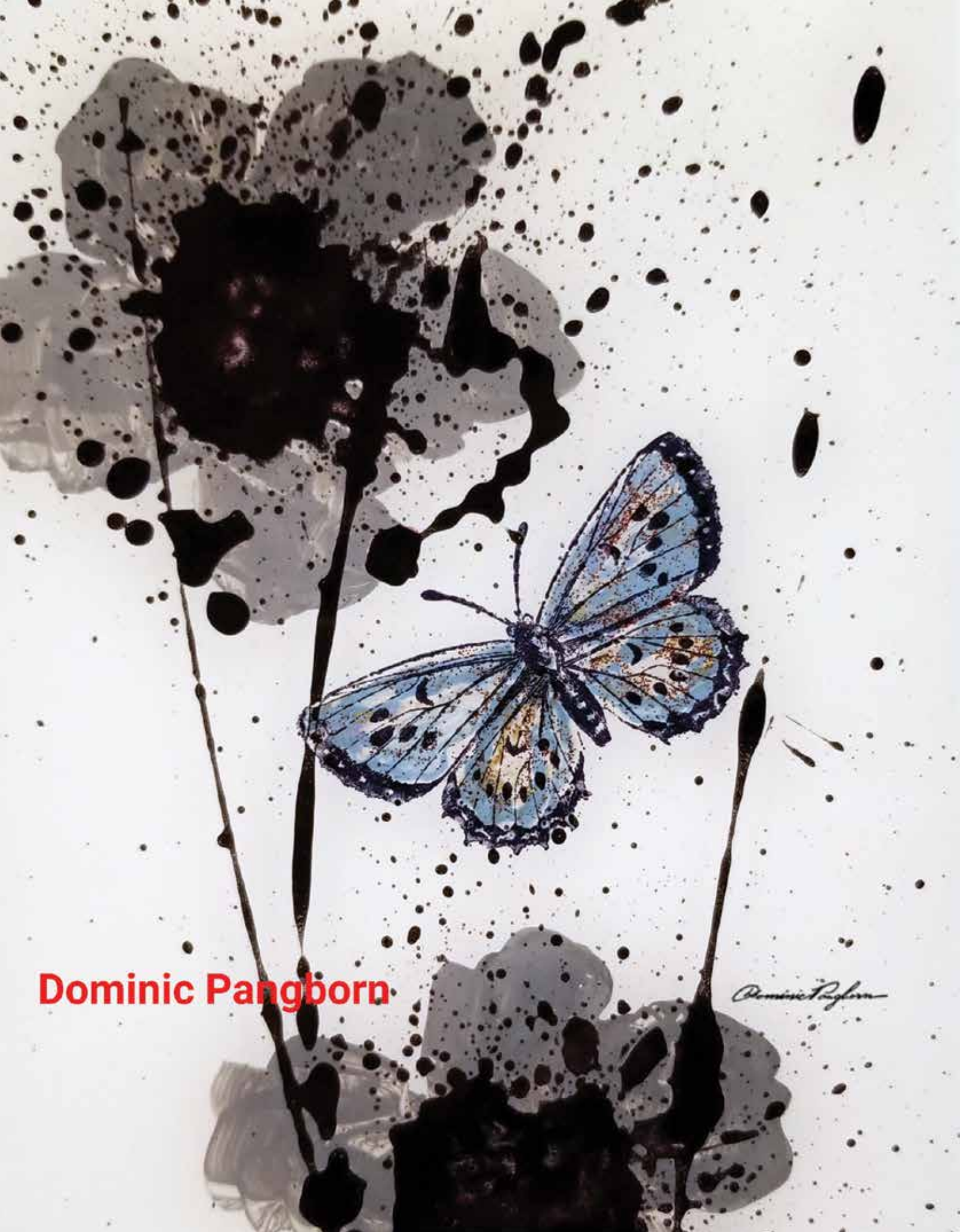
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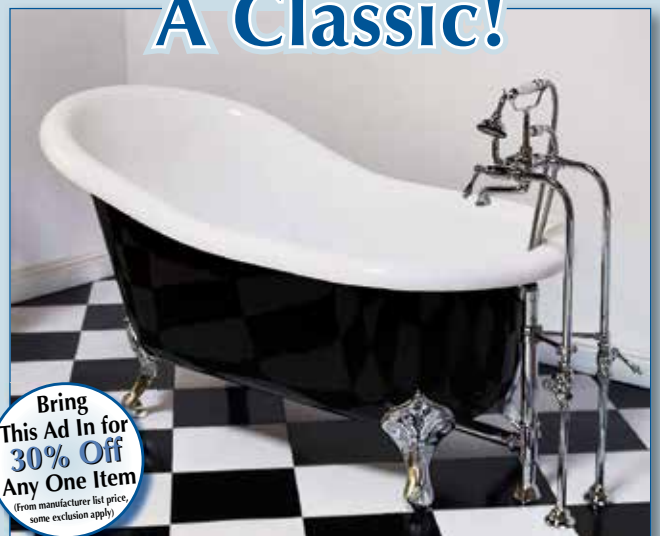
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By Eddie B. Allen Jr.



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Home for the holidays' is an honored tradition all over the country, but for many Pointers it's like a ceremonial custom.

From the Christmas tree overlooking Kercheval Avenue in The Village to the streaming glow of colorful lights along Lake Shore Road, decorations and festive trappings usher in the season.

Joe Choma relates to his fellow Pointe residents' enjoyment of the holidays. In fact, he relates so much that he began an event designed to bring the whole community together to celebrate.

The West Park Winter Social is scheduled for Nov. 24, from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the area of Kercheval stretching from the round-about to Maryland. The fifth annual event is open to the public and features food, live music and activities for both families and adults.

"It kind of became a bridge between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays," says Choma, who hosts West Park Winter Social through his company, Grand Circus Media. The Social is a partnership with the Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation, designed to add livability to Grosse Pointe Park's surrounding commercial district.

Featuring a beer tent for adults, a kids' tent and a holiday market vending area, the event will include

new food trucks with snacks available for purchase. This year's Social will also showcase musical tribute bands, such as The Insiders, a Tom Petty-inspired group, Brett Lucas & Kris Kurzawa, who will interpret Allman Brothers tunes and Phluffhead, performing songs by Phish.

The program and activities held throughout the day are age-inclusive, Choma says.

"You kind of see the day shift into the night," he adds. "Earlier in the day you see the kids with their parents, and then later in the evening it becomes more of a party atmosphere."


Other featured performers include youth from Grosse Pointe Music

Academy in the Hummingbirds Music Together program, leading family-friendly songs.

An average of about 3,000 people attend, Choma says, adding that the Social is open to families and visitors from beyond the Pointes.

"It's not just a Grosse Pointe event," he says. "It just happens to be in Grosse Pointe."

But for Pointes-area residents and returning visitors who enjoy being home for the holidays, the celebration can add to their local traditions.

Adds Choma: "It's a great meeting spot for families and visiting relatives who are back in town for the holidays." 





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## Executive Chef Natalia Tarnavsky at The War Memorial



Executive Chef Natalia Tarnavsky

By Jane Nordberg

With Ukrainian roots and New York training, Natalia Tarnavsky is now at home as Executive Chef of The War Memorial.

“It’s a very special place, not just for Grosse Pointe residents, but for anyone who visits,” she says. “It’s the setting, sure, being on the lake, but also the history, the culture. It’s very team-oriented here.”

That team atmosphere is something The War Memorial staff prides itself on, says Vice President of Hospitality Nikki Charbonneau. Tarnavsky caught Charbonneau’s eye when the chef, then catering director/chef/instructor at Dorsey Schools Culinary Academy, participated in the “Local on the Lake” fundraiser in October of 2017.

“We knew what we wanted,” Charbonneau says. “Chef Natalia has a great temperament and is a teacher at heart; she’s a great role model for the less experienced staff members and is big on teamwork in the kitchen.”

With more than 3,000 events held at the site annually, there is no room in the War Memorial kitchen for egos or prima donnas, Tarnavsky says. The six-member kitchen team is a unique blend of eager, enthusiastic newbies

and seasoned professionals with years of institutional knowledge.

“I can’t be everywhere and do everything, and there’s no need to with such a great team,” Tarnavsky says.

Tarnavsky holds degrees from The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, and has an extensive background as a chef and general manager from Edsel and Eleanor Ford House to restaurants in the metro Detroit area. Her teaching experience includes not only six years with the Dorsey Schools but also service as a culinary arts program director and instructor to high school students.

From 2012 to 2018, Tarnavsky has medaled at every annual American Culinary Federation competition, earning a gold, four silvers and two bronzes. One of her proudest moments came this fall, when The War Memorial hosted the Michigan Chapter of the *Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs*, a group of more than 150 food and wine enthusiasts. Tarnavsky’s eight-course menu received glowing accolades.

“One member said it was the best French meal she had ever eaten,” Tarnavsky says. “That’s incredibly

rewarding.”

While she keeps abreast of ever-changing food trends, Tarnavsky’s personal taste leans toward the traditional. She credits her mother, a retired opera singer, with “always putting something delicious on the table, with nothing out of a can.” And her Ukrainian roots run deep. “I love the traditional Ukrainian dishes of my childhood,” she says. “Hearty stews, pierogies, pork roasts, meat loaf. I cook how I like to eat, and I absolutely love comfort food.”

The War Memorial will host “An Evening with Chef Natalia, a Wild Game Night,” Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. For tickets and event details, call (313) 881-7511 or visit [www.warmemorial.org](http://www.warmemorial.org).

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I also find that inspiration in my personal life can be found by looking backward. As a child, I had the opportunity to participate in a number of musical and theatrical groups and was honored to portray well-known roles, including Tiny Tim in Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* and Amahl in Gian Carlo Menotti's holiday opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. It is with great pride and childhood fondness that I share The War Memorial's excitement to present this same opera to you, live on stage in partnership with our friends at Michigan Opera Theatre and through a generous gift from The John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation (*read more on page 3*).



*Fifth-grade Charles (far right) as Amahl*

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AT THE  
WAR  
MEMORIAL

# ENGAGING EXPERIENCES

## CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

October 4, 2018

Guests indulged in thrilling mystery, a devious and hilarious "murder," and delectable cuisine as we hosted an evening of dinner and theatre inspired by the prohibition era. Dressed in their best 1920s attire, it was a killer night of crime solving as participants traded clues and gathered information to find the culprit!



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## ART & ANTIQUES

November 1-4, 2018

Our second annual Art & Antiques featured premier art dealers, antique furnishings, and lectures from regionally and nationally renowned speakers. Proceeds support the preservation of our campus, as well as the Patriot Initiative Fund. Special thanks to our committee members and sponsors who helped make this year's event a success.

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# HOLIDAYS AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

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**'Tis the season for friends and family to gather at The War Memorial for another year of holiday cheer.**

From our classic Breakfast with Santa to a remarkable new Shakespeare in Detroit performance of *A Christmas Carol*, there's something for everyone under our tree. Join us for a month of magical and festive events, sure to leave everyone smiling all the way through the new year!

## MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

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Sunday, December 9  
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Taking place near Bethlehem just after the birth of Christ, this fully-staged production tells the story of a **miraculous encounter between Amahl, a disabled boy who can only walk with a crutch, and the Three Kings.** Learn more on page 3 or at [www.warmemorial.org/arts](http://www.warmemorial.org/arts).



**COST** Adult ticket \$30  
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(12 and under) \$15

## NEW!

## DAYCATION AT THE WAR MEMORIAL: LUNCH AND MOVIE IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Monday,  
December 10  
Lunch at 11am,  
movie at 12:15pm

**COST** General admission \$25

Group rate available for 10+ guests; please call 313.332.4056



## BEDTIME STORIES WITH SANTA

Tuesday, December 11 at 7pm and  
Wednesday, December 12 at 7pm

Dress the children in their comfiest pajamas and let them snuggle up with their favorite stuffed toy as they enjoy an evening with jolly St. Nick! **Santa will visit the children around our festive tree as he reads some of his beloved holiday tales.** Everyone will get a chance to share their wish list with Santa, while indulging on a bedtime snack of milk and cookies!



**COST** Children ages 4+ \$12  
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## SHAKESPEARE IN DETROIT A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Thursday, December 20 at 7pm

Charles Dickens's classic yuletide tale of charity and redemption is beautifully adapted into a dramatic reading by Shakespeare in Detroit's company of talented actors. Held in our historic 1910 estate, with the quiet glow of a lovely fire and the comforting warmth of bourbon, wine, hot chocolate, and coffee, you're sure to feel the Christmas spirit. Holiday cookies included. A cash bar will be available.



**COST** General admission \$15  
Students, seniors, and veterans \$12

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 15 and  
Sunday, December 16  
Two seatings at 10am and 12:30pm

Santa Claus is coming to town and he wants to spend the morning with you! **Gather the family for a spectacular breakfast and experience the magic of the holidays as Santa arrives to The War Memorial on his helicopter.** Dress in your holiday best and don't forget to bring your camera to capture the moment as Santa will be available for pictures. Following breakfast, join Santa in The Patriot Theater for a reading of his favorite Christmas story, followed by a classic animated holiday film!



**COST** General admission \$22  
Please note that Santa's helicopter arrival is weather-dependent

## HOLIDAY CLASSES

### HOLIDAY YOUTH ETIQUETTE TRAINING

Saturday, 10am-12pm  
December 1

### FRESH HOLIDAY WREATHS

Saturday, 10am-12pm  
December 8

### SUPER SPARKLERS WITH THE WINE COUNSELOR®

Thursday, 7-9pm  
December 13

### KID'S GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Saturday, 1-3pm  
December 15



# CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

The War Memorial's classes, activities, and trips are open to the public! Everyone is welcome - there are no residency requirements and membership is not necessary.

Residency within the Grosse Pointe Public School System district is necessary for Middle School and High School Dances.

## FITNESS, HEALTH, AND WELLNESS

### CARDIO MAX

Mondays, 6:15-7:15pm  
January 7-February 4  
February 25-April 8

### CARDIO CORE

Saturdays, 9-10am  
January 12-February 2  
March 2-April 13

### CHAIR YOGA

Saturdays, 10:15-11:15am  
January 12-February 2  
March 2-April 13



### IYENGAR YOGA

Thursdays, 7-8:30pm  
January 10-March 21

### AEROBIC DANCING BY JACKI SORENSON

Mondays and Thursdays,  
8:45-9:45am  
March 11-June 6

### TAI CHI WITH JENNIFER

Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15pm  
January 8-February 12  
February 19-March 26

### BETTER BALANCE WITH QI GONG

Thursdays, 11:30am-12:30pm  
January 10-February 14  
February 21-March 28

### CPR/AED/FIRST AID

Wednesday, 6-9:30pm  
February 6

### SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm  
March 27

### SELF-DEFENSE FOR SENIORS

Wednesday, 2:00-4:00pm  
March 27

## SPORTS AND GAMES

### BEGINNER FENCING

Mondays, 7-7:45pm  
November 19-December 17  
January 7-February 11  
February 25-March 25

### INTERMEDIATE FENCING

Mondays, 7:45-8:30pm  
November 19-December 17  
January 7-February 11  
February 25-March 25

### ADULT FENCING

Mondays, 8:30-9:15pm  
November 19-December 17  
January 7-February 11  
February 25-March 25



### BICYCLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Thursday, 7-9pm  
May 16

### NEW CLASS

### THE HUNGER GAMES SURVIVAL SCHOOL FOR ADULTS (AGES 18+)

Tuesdays, 7-8pm  
Classes to resume in January

## MUSIC AND DANCE

### BEGINNING PIANO

Thursdays, 11am-12:30pm  
January 24-March 21

### INTERMEDIATE PIANO FOR ADULTS

Thursdays, 1-2:30pm  
January 24-March 21

### BEGINNING GUITAR FOR AGES 14+

Tuesdays, 5-6pm  
January 15-March 12

### INTERMEDIATE GUITAR FOR ADULTS

Tuesdays, 6:15pm-7:30pm  
January 15-March 12

### BEGINNING BALLROOM DANCE

Thursdays, 7-8pm

### SLOW WALTZ AND RUMBA

January 10-February 14

### FOXTROT AND SWING

February 28-April 4

### INTERMEDIATE BALLROOM DANCE

Thursdays, 8:15-9:15pm

### TANGO

January 10-February 14

### RUMBA

February 28-April 4

### ADVANCED BALLROOM DANCING

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30pm

### WALTZ AND CHACHA

January 15-February 19

### FOXTROT/SWING

March 12-April 16

### NEW SPECIAL PRICING AVAILABLE ONLINE

### LA DANSE ORIENTAL-THE ART OF BELLY DANCING

Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm  
January 16-February 20  
April 10-May 15

### SALSA DANCING I: BEGINNING

Fridays, 7:30-8:30pm  
January 4-March 1  
March 8-April 12

### SALSA DANCING II: INTERMEDIATE

Thursdays, 8-9pm  
Classes to resume in January

### BACHATA-A LATIN DANCE

Thursdays, 7-8pm  
Classes to resume in January

### LATIN CLUB DANCING

Fridays, 6:30-7:30pm  
January 4-March 1  
March 8-April 12

### LINE DANCING

Wednesdays, 6-7pm  
January 23-February 27

## ART, CRAFTS, AND HOBBIES

### WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm  
January 16-February 27

### NEW CLASS

### FLORAL ARRANGING WORKSHOPS

Saturdays, 10am-Noon

### THANKSGIVING TABLE CENTERPIECES

November 17

### FRESH HOLIDAY WREATHS

December 8

### CORK AND CLAY WITH PEWABIC POTTERY

Friday, 7-8:30pm  
March 15

## YOUTH

### BABYSITTER SAFETY (AGES 11+)

Saturday, 9am-3pm  
December 15 or March 9

### SELF DEFENSE FOR KIDS

Wednesday, 5-6pm  
March 27



# MORE INFO

Full details and registration at [www.warmemorial.org](http://www.warmemorial.org) or call 313.881.7511

## NEW CLASS

### HOLIDAY YOUTH ETIQUETTE TRAINING (AGES 8-12)

Saturday, 10am-Noon  
November 10 or December 1

## NEW CLASS

### KID'S GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Saturday, 1-3pm  
December 15

## NEW CLASS

### THE HUNGER GAMES SURVIVAL SCHOOL FOR KIDS (AGES 9+)

Tuesdays, 6-7pm  
Class to resume in January

### YOUTH FASHION SERIES

Saturdays, 9am-5pm

### HOLIDAY COUTURE DRESS

November 17

### LEGGY LEGGINGS

January 19

## NEW CLASS

### BAKING 101 SERIES

Saturdays, 1-3pm

### COOKIES, BARS, AND SQUARES

January 12

### BISCUITS, MUFFINS, AND QUICK BREADS

February 9

### CRISPS, COBBLERS, AND CRUMBLES

March 16

### PIZZA DOUGH, PUFF DOUGH, AND QUICHE

March 30

## WRITING WORKSHOPS WITH SARAH SHEPPARD

### BRAINSTORMING IDEAS FOR LIFE CHANGES

Wednesday, 6-9pm  
November 14

### JOURNAL YOUR LIFE

Wednesday, 6-9pm  
January 16

### WRITING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, 6-9pm  
February 20

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT

### ANCESTRY: FINDING YOUR FAMILY TREE

Saturdays, 9am  
January 12 or February 9  
Monday, 7pm  
January 14 or February 25

### OUT OF THE ORDINARY, INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY

Wednesdays, 7pm

### ASTROLOGY, REINCARNATION AND KARMA

January 30

### MEDITATION AND MESSAGES

February 13

### PSYCHIC FUN NIGHT

February 27

## ENGAGE, ASPIRE, TASTE

### WILD GAME: AN EVENING WITH TWM EXECUTIVE CHEF NATALIA TARNAVSKY

Thursday, 6:30pm  
November 15

### SUPER SPARKLERS WITH THE WINE COUNSELOR®

Thursday, 7pm  
December 13

## DAY TRIPS

Most day trips include a lunch stop! Visit [www.warmemorial.org/daytrips](http://www.warmemorial.org/daytrips) for complete itineraries

### DISNEY'S ALADDIN AT THE DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

Thursday, December 13

### NATURE TRIP: BELLE ISLE NATURE CENTER & DNR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER

Wednesday, January 16

### RUSSIAN HIGH TEA AT THE ROYAL EAGLE RESTAURANT

Tuesday, February 19



## DAYCATION AT THE WAR MEMORIAL: LUNCH AND MOVIE

Lunch at 11am, movie at 12:15pm

*IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE*  
Monday, December 10

*BEACH BLANKET BINGO*  
Tuesday, January 15

*BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S*  
Thursday, February 7

## EXTENDED TRAVEL

The War Memorial travels the world! Visit [www.warmemorial.org/travel](http://www.warmemorial.org/travel) for current trips and itineraries



## SKI HI CLUB 2019

### MANDATORY INFORMATION MEETING

Join our ski club for middle school and high school students! Trips will begin in January.

Monday, 7pm  
December 10

## DRIVING SCHOOL

### GROSSE POINTE DRIVING SCHOOL

Classes run year-round. For a full list of sessions and attendance requirements please visit [www.warmemorial.org/youth](http://www.warmemorial.org/youth)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCES

**HOLIDAY BALL:** Thursday, December 13

**FIRE AND ICE:** Friday, January 18

**80'S DANCE PARTY:** Friday, February 8

For specific details and attendance requirements, please visit [www.warmemorial.org/youthdances](http://www.warmemorial.org/youthdances)

## HIGH SCHOOL DANCE

**For Freshmen and Sophomores**

**Friday, January 25**

For specific details and attendance requirements, please visit [www.warmemorial.org/highschool dances](http://www.warmemorial.org/highschool dances)



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DEC 10

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Lunch and Movie  
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DEC 11 & 12

BEDTIME STORIES  
WITH SANTA



DEC 13

Day Trip  
DISNEY'S ALADDIN  
AT THE DETROIT  
OPERA HOUSE

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

Information and tickets available online!

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DEC 15 & 16

BREAKFAST  
WITH SANTA



DEC 20

Shakespeare in Detroit  
A CHRISTMAS CAROL



JAN 12

The Met Live in HD  
ADRIANA  
LECOUVREUR



JAN 15

Daycation:  
Lunch and Movie  
BEACH BLANKET  
BINGO



JAN 18

Chamber Music Society  
of Detroit  
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AND FRANKLIN  
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# Meet Karen



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**Name** Karen Everham

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**Age** 72

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**City** Grosse Pointe Woods

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**Occupation** Retired catering director and banker

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## Karen's Favorites

**Season**  
Summer

**Musical Artist**  
Kenny Rogers and John Denver

**Vacation**  
Florida and cruising

**Movie**  
*New in Town* and *Pretty Woman*

**Book**  
*The Notebook*

**Food**  
Italian and Greek food

**Restaurant**  
Village Grille and Roma Cafe

**Activity**  
Attending grandchildren's events

**Dessert**  
Cream puff hot fudge

**What was your first job?**

Working at a bakery shop, high school

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

A teacher

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

Having no responsibilities

**What is one skill you'd like to learn?**

How to play the piano

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

The assassination of John F. Kennedy when I was in high school and 9/11

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

A cruise to Panama Canal

**What accomplishment makes you proudest?**

I'm most proud of raising two kind, successful sons, Geoff and Brian. Both are college graduates and well established in their careers.

**Do you collect anything?**

I collect snow globes, mostly Christmas ones. I probably have 100!

**Words to live by?**

Treat others as you would like to be treated.

## About Karen

"My husband (the late George R. Everham) and I both grew up in Detroit and attended Detroit schools. When we married, we bought our first home in Grosse Pointe Park. Our two sons attended Grosse Pointe schools and played on their sports teams. So many of their friends remain in the community that their children are now friends.

I keep busy in our community. I have season tickets for Grosse Pointe Theatre. I attend the summer concerts at Woods City Hall and the garden shows.

I take my grandchildren to Halloween events, Polar Express and Easter Egg Hunts in Grosse Pointe Woods. My biggest joy is watching my grandson Ryan's baseball and hockey games. My granddaughter Kate cheers for the Red Barons and swims for the Farms. I love spending time with both of them.

I'm thankful for two wonderful sons, two grandchildren and a very caring daughter-in-law, Amber. Amber is an outstanding teacher and a very nurturing mother. Geoff helps coach his son's baseball and hockey teams. They are both very involved parents."

# Help seniors beat holiday blues

By Terri Murphy

During the holidays, many seniors feel particularly lonesome. Nostalgia, memories of lost loved ones and distance from family can all contribute to the holiday blues.



Help your loved one battle the holiday blues with the following strategies:

- Display holiday cards and greetings
- Include your loved one in holiday decorating
- Reach out to long distance friends and family with video calls
- Plan holiday event outings
- Tune in to festive programs on TV
- Sign your loved one up for in-house visits by carolers or other holiday volunteers

- If your loved one is able, encourage holiday volunteering
- Besides holiday-specific methods for combating loneliness, there are many steps seniors can take to reduce social isolation.
- Get connected with a local senior center
- Schedule regular phone calls with loved ones
- Use technology to connect with distant loved ones
- Mark social events to look forward to on the calendar

Loneliness is often linked to isolation. Isolation can be a threat to health but can also increase safety risks. Social workers for seniors can arrange for a variety of services to help address seniors' needs, including isolation.

*Terri Murphy is a Certified Senior Adviser, the owner/president of Hope Senior Home Care and the board chair and president of Certified Senior Solutions, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Terri can be reached at (313) 881-4600, [www.hopeseniorhomecare.com](http://www.hopeseniorhomecare.com) and [www.certified-ssi.org](http://www.certified-ssi.org).*

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## Answering the call: a rare increase in ordination

By Kevin Lamiman

While Christopher D. Muer was growing up in Grosse Pointe Park, his great uncle, Father Francis H. Burns, periodically conducted Mass at family gatherings, drafting youngsters as altar servers.

“My brothers and I would fight over who would help Uncle Bud,” Muer says.

The late priest was among the influences leading Muer to Detroit’s Sacred Heart Major Seminary. This year Muer, 30, became associate pastor of Our Lady of the Lakes, Waterford. He was one of several Grosse Pointe natives answering the call to religious vocation.

Four local individuals were ordained recently, with another scheduled in 2019. In May, two of the three men ordained in the Archdiocese of Detroit were Grosse Pointe natives. One of the six ordained last year has local ties. Another Grosse Pointer was ordained this year in Arizona.

The ordinations followed a dry spell: No one local is believed to have been

ordained in several years.

Muer attended Grosse Pointe South High School and St. Clare of Montefalco. His parents are well-known restaurateurs. David G. Muer is host of M’s Table + Bar, Partridge Creek Mall, Clinton Township. He operated Detroit’s former Blue Pointe restaurant for decades. Mary Lou Muer runs the Park Café in Windmill Pointe Park.

Muer says he felt a strong vocational call while majoring in construction management at Ferris State University. He worked about a year as a construction coordinator before entering seminary.

“I’m happier now than ever,” he says. “I believe I’m doing what God wants me to do with my life.”

This year John A. Maksym, 57, became associate pastor of St. Joseph, Lake Orion. He spent his later childhood in Grosse Pointe Park, most often attending St. Ambrose with his parents, the late Anthony S. and Jeanne H. Maksym. He graduated from the University of Detroit

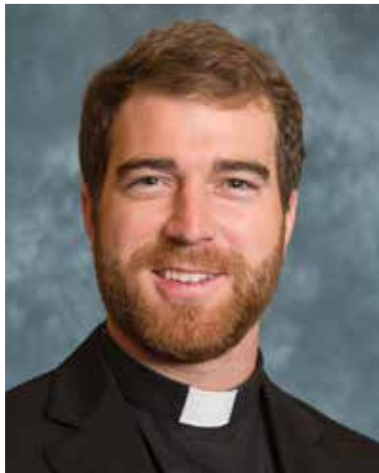
Jesuit High School and Academy; the University of Michigan; Detroit College of Law; and Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, Mass.

Maksym says he was the longest-serving judge in the history of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, serving 31 years in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. He left active duty as a Navy commander in 2014.

This year, Thomas E. Quirk, 46, became parochial vicar at Tucson’s Our Mother of Sorrows. His duties include serving as school chaplain. Quirk grew up in Grosse Pointe Park, attended South and worshipped at St. Clare of Montefalco. His parents are Madeline M. and the late Thomas E. Quirk. He’s a graduate of Butler University, Indianapolis; and Mundelein Seminary, Chicago.

Colin M. Fricke, 31, is studying at the Detroit seminary. In August, he completed an internship at St. Fabian, Farmington Hills. He’s scheduled for 2019 ordination. Fricke taught at two area Catholic schools





From left to right:  
 Father Christopher D. Muer,  
 Father John A. Maksym, Father  
 Thomas E. Quirk, Colin M. Fricke  
 and Father Grayson D. Heenan

after graduating from Siena Heights University, Adrian. He grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods, attended North and worshipped at the former parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace with his parents, Michael E. and Kathy M. Fricke.

Ordained in 2017, Grayson D. Heenan, 30, became associate pastor this year at St. Damien of Molokai, Pontiac. Growing up in Grosse Pointe Farms, he worshipped at St. Paul on the Lake with his parents, Earl “Rusty” I. and Valerie “Anne” J. Heenan. He’s a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit and Boston College.

After finishing at the Detroit seminary, he undertook five years of post-graduate studies in theology at the Vatican’s Pontifical North American College.

“I had to write the papers in Italian,” he says. “That was pretty challenging.”

A memorable experience was a Mass Pope Francis conducted.

“I got to meet him,” Heenan says. “We shook hands and had a brief conversation.” ☎






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# MICHAEL LANDUYT *Champion Rower*

By Anne Erickson

Grosse Pointe native Michael Landuyt has accomplished great things in the sport of rowing.

Landuyt excelled at rowing at Grosse Pointe South, working under coach Dick Bell, and took third place in the Lightweight 8+ in the U.S. Rowing Youth National Championships in 2013 and 2014.

After graduating from high school in 2015, he began studying aerospace engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, New York, and continued rowing. He eventually moved up to the ARION high-performance program in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Today, Michael rows with the best.



This past September, he represented the United States at the 2018 World Rowing Championships — one of the biggest honors in the sport.

Michael says being on the U.S. Rowing National Team was a reminder of how much he loves being part of a team.

“It’s the process of going through something hard with a goal in mind and pushing yourself to the limit and seeing the cards fall,” he says.

He also loves the teamwork aspect of rowing.

“You strive to get a rhythm with the other guys,” he says. “It probably feels like in football when you get the perfect play down. It’s that feeling that you’re working but not putting out effort, because it’s going so smoothly.”

Landuyt’s father, Dave, remembers when his son was first interested in rowing.

“He came home at the end of eighth grade with a flyer from his history teacher, and it was a learn-to-row flyer,” Dave says. “He loved it from the get-go. He loved the community of kids, the competition — everything about it.”


Michael recalls his early days rowing as being both challenging and rewarding.

“Being physically small forced me to focus on technique, and as I trained over time and grew and put on some weight, I already had some of the technical aspects down,” he says. “So now, I have a larger appreciation for the fitness that I currently have.”

At RPI, Michael is also a Midshipman First Class in the Navy ROTC program.

“As a parent, I think I’m most proud of his determination and perseverance,” Dave says. “He sets a goal and works to achieve it. He’s the most dedicated and committed person I know when it comes to that, because it’s not easy. He’s got a full load at college that he has to balance with his degree and commitment with the Navy.”

After graduating from college, Michael will be commissioned as an Ensign and begin training in the Navy’s nuclear program.

“Rowing and the Navy are similar because it’s a team atmosphere, but it’s also kind of competitive,” Michael says. “You want to do your best, but if you’re on a boat, it’s all reliant on how we do as a team. It’s not only about pushing yourself, but pushing others.” 

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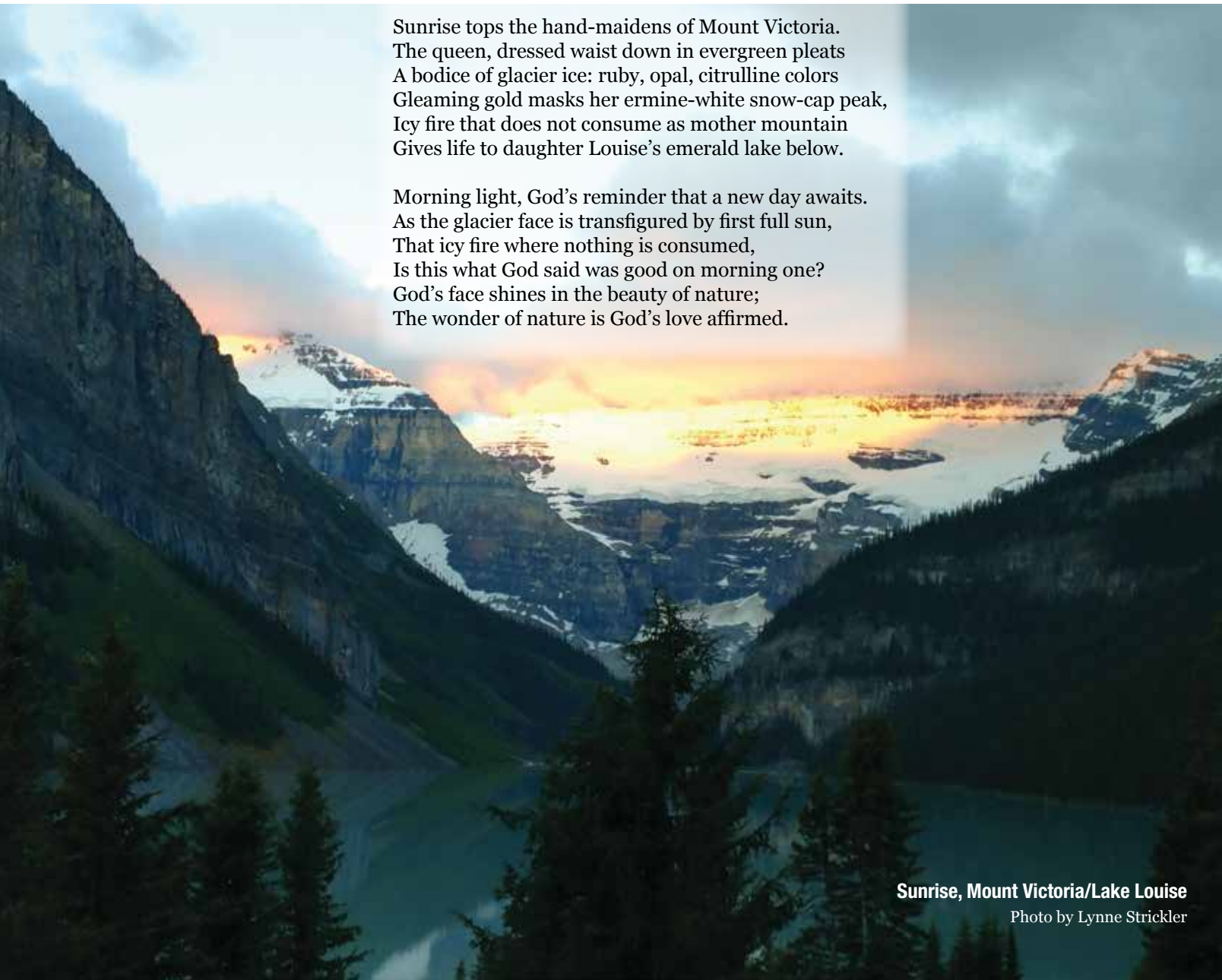
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# COOKING with CHEF ETHAN STEINER

## *Beets & Arugula Salad*



Thanksgiving is the perfect time of year to reflect on all the blessings one has had over the years.

I have had many great Thanksgivings in Grosse Pointe. I remember playing hockey at the annual Thanksgiving Hockey Tournament for Grosse Pointe

Hockey and winning the tournament two years in a row! I also remember going to the Santa Claus Parade down Kercheval the Friday after Thanksgiving. It was usually very cold!

This year my Thanksgiving will be a little untraditional. My family celebrated the holiday early as my

twin brother, Michael, married his longtime girlfriend, Lauren Pappert in Las Vegas. It was a beautiful wedding and I was very thankful that we could all be together to celebrate their marriage! Congratulations to them.

And to all our readers, have a happy and joyous holiday season! 🍷

### Beets and Arugula Salad serves 4-6

#### Balsamic Vinegar Dressing

##### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 tsp. honey
- 1 tsp. dijon mustard
- 1 shallot, minced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup canola oil

#### Directions

1. Add all ingredients, except canola oil, into blender
2. Begin blending
3. Slowly drizzle canola oil into the blender
4. Blend until ingredients are mixed

#### Beets

##### Ingredients

- 4 red beets
- 4 yellow beets
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions

1. Toss beets in olive oil, salt and pepper

2. Wrap individually in foil
3. Roast at 350 degrees for 4 hours
4. Stab beets with paring knife. If beet falls off, it is done
5. Pull off the skin and slice beets

#### Salad

##### Ingredients

- 1 cup arugula
- 2 oz. goat cheese
- 2 oz. toasted walnuts
- Beets, chopped or sliced

#### Directions

1. Mix arugula, beets and walnuts in a bowl
2. Dress with balsamic vinegar dressing to taste
3. Arrange salad on plate and crumble goat cheese over top of salad
4. Enjoy!



*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.*

*Steiner's experience in Las Vegas took him to kitchens led by Chef Jose Andres of China Poblano and Chef Gordon Ramsay of Gordon Ramsay Steak. In Detroit, Steiner worked as sous chef under Chef Seth High, and in the kitchens of Beverly Hills Grill and ML Café.*

*Today, Steiner is a sous chef and can be found at Overture in the Art Ovation Hotel in the heart of downtown Sarasota, Fla. Follow him on Twitter @Chef\_Ethan.*



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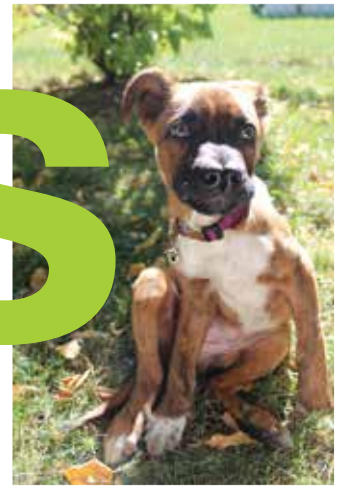
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# pets

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## Daisy & Maggie

Daisy, Maggie and Cricket (pictured right in next photo) love life in Grosse Pointe Park with their mom and dad David and Sharon Price and their two brothers, kitty cats Luigi and Oliver.



## Molly & Cricket

Cousin Molly (visiting) and Cricket enjoying a comfy seat. Cricket, Daisy and Maggie (Daisy and Maggie pictured left) live in Grosse Pointe Park with their mom and dad David and Sharon Price and their brother kitty cats, Luigi and Oliver.



## Miguel Cabrera

Miguel Cabrera is a 7-year-old rescue cat. He actually picked his home by walking in and never leaving. He enjoys sleeping, eating and walking in front of the TV (hence the background of this image).



## Emily

Emily, 2, is a curious, playful oriental mix who loves living with the Bruce family in Grosse Pointe Park. She always wants to be where the action is and may be just a "tad" spoiled!



## Lefty Natter

This is Lefty Natter. His owner is Elizabeth Natter who lives in Grosse Pointe Woods. 'Lefty' does not describe what paw he favors or his political inclinations. He was the last boy left in his litter. His friends sometimes call him Leftino!



## Wallaby

Wallaby, 12, loves eating the fresh catnip in the garden, watching the birds take baths through the kitchen window and burrowing deep into blankets.



# Separation anxiety in dogs

By Dr. Bridget Wright

As many as one in six dogs may suffer from some form of a condition called “separation anxiety” when they are left alone. Common symptoms may include house soiling, destructiveness (usually around points of exit) and excessive whining, barking or howling. Symptoms are typically the worst shortly after being left, and tend to be more extreme when left alone unexpectedly.



Management of separation anxiety is typically lifelong, but many dogs do well once the right combination of behavior modification treatments is found. Keeping a consistent routine is key — most relapses occur when a routine is broken. If having someone stay at home is not an option, some dogs may benefit from attending day care. When left at home, some dogs find comfort in being confined to a room or crate, while others may be negatively triggered by these barriers and should be left out. Positive reinforcement training to acclimate your dog to being alone can also be helpful. Items such as food puzzle toys may help to distract them.

For dogs still struggling with separation anxiety despite training and other environmental modifications, various treatment options are available. Some dogs may respond well to more conservative approaches such as anxiety supplements or wearing a Thundershirt. For others, especially those at risk of harming themselves, there are many prescription medication options available. If you feel your dog has separation anxiety, be sure to discuss the various treatment options with your veterinarian.

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

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# November

# Calendar

## 07 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center's Play Central at Barnes Early Childhood Center Gym, \$5 per family visit, Monday and Wednesday mornings through April 29, 9-11 a.m.

## 10 SATURDAY

- Behind the Scenes Tour at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, also Nov. 11, 17, 18, tickets at fordhouse.org
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Izzy's Second Saturdays at Provencal-Weir House, Michigan's White Tailed Deer, sew and stuff a felt deer out of fleece, learn about this Michigan native and its habitat, \$20 per member, \$25 per non-members, reservations required by Friday, Nov. 9, ask for Izzy at (313) 884-7010, session is 1-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open House and Tour at Provencal-Weir House, 1-4 p.m.

## 11 SUNDAY - Veterans Day

- Veterans Day Open House at Stahls Automotive Museum in Chesterfield, visit stahlsauto.com for more information, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## 12 MONDAY

- Veterans Day Breakfast at The War Memorial, registration required at warmemorial.org, free to veterans, one guest per veteran allowed for \$10, 7 a.m.

## 14 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center presents "Socially Challenged: Acquiring Skills Necessary for Everyday Interactions" at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, free, RSVP at (313) 447-1374 or familycenterweb.org, 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Bicknell Lecture at Cook

Schoolhouse, featuring Alexander Girard, Architect: Creating Midcentury Modern Masterpieces, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

## 15 THURSDAY

- An Evening with Executive Chef Natalia Tarnavsky: Wild Game Night, tickets at warmemorial.org/eat, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- The Family Center presents "Security Awareness for the Savvy International Traveler" in Grosse Pointe Shores Council Room, 795 Lake Shore Drive, free, RSVP at (313) 447-1374 or familycenterweb.org, 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Public Library presents "Sister Pie: the Recipes and Stories of a Big-Hearted Bakery in Detroit" with author Lisa Ludwinski in Ewald Branch Room, information and registration at <http://www.gp.lib.mi.us/>

## 16 FRIDAY

- The Village Tree Lighting, annual tree lighting, 5:30 p.m.
- City of Grosse Pointe Foundation Family Jingle & Mingle after the Village Tree Lighting, under the tent at St. Clair and Kercheval, food, drinks and children's activities, K-Line trolley will also be running this evening, 6:30 p.m.

## 17 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at The Helm (formerly SOC), 12-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Park Holiday Market and Tree Lighting at Windmill Pointe Park, 3-7 p.m.
- The Taste at Our Lady Star of the Sea, an evening of beer and wine tastings, food samplings and music, 6:30 p.m.

## 18 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber Music at The War Memorial, tickets at warmemorial.org/arts, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

## 20 TUESDAY

- Ardmore Park Place 10th Annual Christmas Open House, 5-8 p.m.
- Woods Aglow at Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 7 p.m.

## 22 THURSDAY - Thanksgiving Day

## 23 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Lions Club on their 90th anniversary presents the 21st annual Jingle Bell Fun Run/Walk, start and finish at The Whiskey Six in The Village, register by Nov. 16, 8-10 a.m. Followed by brunch at The Whiskey Six following parade (Santa will be present!)
- Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade in The Village, 10 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Public Library: After the Santa Claus Parade, visit Central Library for some holiday fun, face painting and door prizes (while supplies last), 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Then over to Woods Branch where kids will be able to meet and take a photo with Peter Pan and Tinker Bell, write and mail letters to Santa and make a craft, 1-3 p.m.
- Holiday Belles House Tours at Ford House, see the house authentically decorated as it was during the holiday receptions Mrs. Ford hosted to honor her granddaughters from 1959 through the '60s, tours will take place through Jan. 6, times and tickets available at fordhouse.org

## 24 SATURDAY

- Santa Saturdays in The Village, children and parents visit with Santa Claus and make holiday cards, also Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- West Park Winter Social on Kercheval in the Park, family friendly activities, food, drinks, live

# December

# Calendar

entertainment and much more, 4-11 p.m.

## 25 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Shores Lighting of the Village, tree lighting, 6 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Arsenic and Old Lace" at University Liggett School, also Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1, 2, 6-8, tickets at gpt.org

## 29 THURSDAY

- The Family Center's annual HOLLYFEST at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, sponsorships and tickets available at (313) 447-1374 or familycenterweb.org, 6:30 p.m.

## 01 SATURDAY

- Parcels Holiday Bazaar at Parcels Middle School, featuring holiday gifts, home decor, jewelry, apparel, a 50/50 raffle, snacks and more, \$2 admission before 10 a.m., \$3 admission after 10 a.m., bazaar runs 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at The Helm (formerly SOC), 12-3 p.m.

## 02 SUNDAY

- Cookies with Santa at Ford House, \$10 for children, adults are free, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays, Dec. 2-18, space is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance at fordhouse.org

## 05 WEDNESDAY

- The Lake House fundraising at Neiman Marcus at Somerset Collection in Troy, attendees may shop anywhere in the store and Neiman Marcus will donate 10 percent of the sales that night to The Lake House (a resource for those

affected by cancer), more information at milakehouse.org, shopping 6-9 p.m.

## 06 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Polar Express begins, runs through Dec. 15, additional information at gpwmi.us
- Ford House Collectors Series: Storing Santa Safely, \$20 per non-member, \$15 per member, tickets at fordhouse.org, 6-8 p.m.

## 07 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Holiday Social at Assumption Cultural Center, tickets available until sold out at Woods Community Center, \$25 per resident, \$30 per guest, 1-4 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Holiday Party for members at Provencal-Weir House, 7 p.m.

## 08 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at The Helm (formerly SOC), 12-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Izzy's Second Saturdays at Provencal-Weir House, Michigan Pines, receive your very own baby pine seedling, string your own beads for a garland and decorate a terra cotta planter for your mini living Christmas tree, \$20 per member, \$25 per non-members, reservations required by Friday, Dec. 7, ask for Izzy at (313) 884-7010, session is 1-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open House and Tour at Provencal-Weir House, 1-4 p.m.

## 09 SUNDAY

- Amahl and the Night Visitors live at The War Memorial, tickets at warmemorial.org/arts, performances

at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

- Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra Christmas Pops Concert at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, tickets at gpsymphony.org, 3 p.m.
- The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus 66th Annual Holiday Concert "Holiday Brass" at First English Lutheran Church, accompanied by the Brass Expansion quartet, music selections will include pieces from Messiah, traditional European carols, an American Spiritual, a Hebrew text song and many old favorites, under the direction of Joseph Palazzolo, with accompanist, Ron Pietrantoni, tickets \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under sold at Moehring-Woods Florist (313) 882-9732; Posterity: A Gallery (313) 884-8105, your favorite chorus member, or at the door, for more information, visit www.grossepointecommunitychorus.org or call (313) 331-7728, concert at 3:30 p.m.

## 16 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "A Golden Age Holiday," a gala benefit performance and silent auction at The ARK, St. Ambrose, to support Grosse Pointe Theatre's performing arts productions, includes strolling cocktail and hors d'oeuvre reception; silent auction with high-end experiences and a variety of special themed-packages; and a musical performance by some of Grosse Pointe Theatre's most gifted stars, tickets beginning at \$75, available at gpt.org or by calling (313) 881-4004, 4:30 p.m.

## 25 TUESDAY - Christmas Day



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"Grosse Pointe offers options with multiple business districts offering great selections and service to make your holiday shopping experience stress-free," says Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce president Jennifer Palms Boettcher. "The wide selection of restaurants makes your shopping experience complete."

These shopping districts include **The Hill & Fisher Rd., The Village, Grosse Pointe Park and Mack Avenue.**

In Grosse Pointe Farms and City, experience magic this holiday season by shopping and dining on **The Hill and Fisher Rd.** Both are excellent places to start checking names off

of your holiday shopping list.

Warmth and generosity can be experienced in the eclectic shops and fabulous food scene featuring exceptional entertainment.

In Grosse Pointe City, **The Village** boasts unparalleled shopping opportunities. From major name apparel stores to high end boutiques to quirky gift shops and art galleries, shopping is made easy on Kercheval in The Village.

After hitting the pavement, you'll want to hit the plate. Diners, bars, fine dining, sandwich shops and more can be found on Kercheval in The Village.

Also in The Village is the largest attended holiday event in Grosse Pointe, the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, organized by Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. This year's theme is "Christmas Around the World" and it is sure to delight all! Of course, look out for jolly old St. Nick!

A stone's throw from The Village is **Grosse Pointe Park**, a superb and varied holiday shopping destination. Enjoy a warm holiday

experience with top-notch shopping on slower paced streets featuring specialty shops, antiques, restaurants, bars and entertainment. Charlevoix and Kercheval in the Park are the two major shopping and dining districts of Grosse Pointe Park. Though Jefferson in the Park now boasts several dining options as well.

Finally, shopping on **Mack Avenue** offers a unique holiday experience. Walk past the enormous Grosse Pointe Woods Christmas tree to a number of shops featuring garden gifts, hobby stores, art supplies, specialty tea items, antiques and so much more.

Mack Avenue is also home to some of the best dining on the eastside, some with wood paneled fire burning ambience to the jolly clammer of a family friendly diner.

For a complete list of Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce members and businesses, please visit [www.grossepointechamber.com](http://www.grossepointechamber.com).

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**The Hill  
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The Hill is home to several fine dining experiences to nourish during those long holiday shopping adventures. Lights twinkle on the hilly business scape, where master chefs cook up mouthwatering plates to please all taste buds. A bakery, Italian cuisine, seafood and chophouse, American and more can all be found on The Hill.

Shopping offerings include high end apparel for men and women, shoes and jewelry. More shops, including crafts and knitting supplies, can be found along Fisher Road, including the headquarters of Grosse Pointe Theatre and stunning Grosse Pointe South High School. Tickets to Grosse Pointe Theatre productions, a community mainstay, make an excellent holiday gift.

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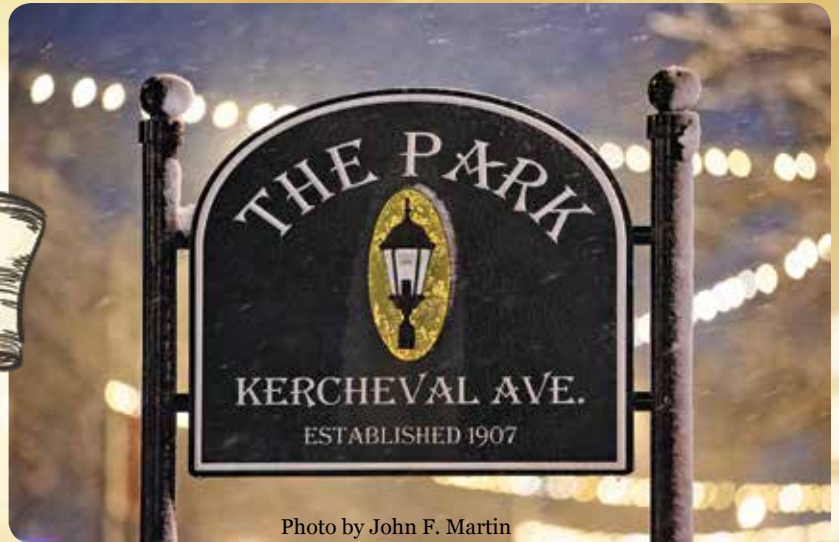


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The holidays are evident in Grosse Pointe Park, where twinkling lights are strung overhead and the small town feel of shopping and strolling leisurely is alive and well.

Holidays in Grosse Pointe Park offer a plethora of shopping, dining and entertaining options. Boutiques and antique shops dot Kercheval in the Park, as well as several dining options.

On Charlevoix, find more options to sustain you during shopping, bars, grills and more. On Mack in the Park, sports shops and more dining is available.

One of the most popular holiday events in Grosse Pointe Park is **West Park Winter Social**, a must-attend celebration featuring local vendors and family fun.

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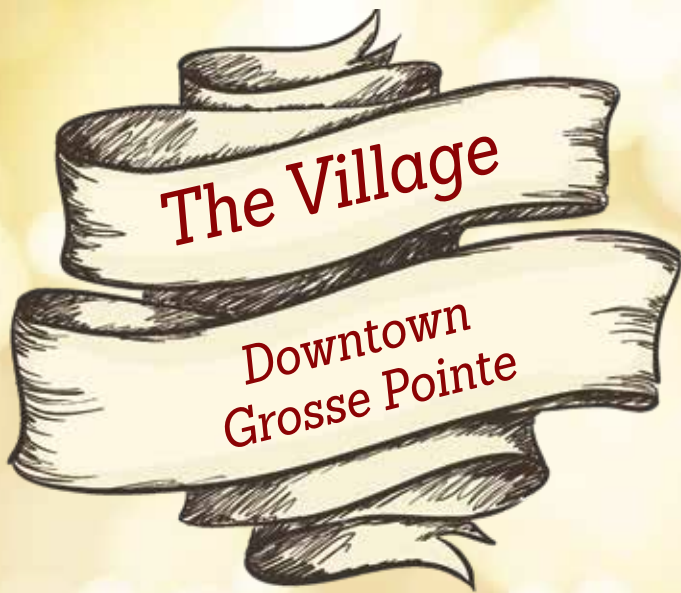


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Guests can enjoy caroling from Grosse Pointe South Choir, warming fires and s'mores, complimentary coney dogs and hot chocolate! The Village Tree Decorating is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Foundation and the evening is made possible by sponsors and the City of Grosse Pointe Department of Parks and Recreation. The K-Line Trolley will run 5 p.m.-10 p.m. on Kercheval between Grosse Pointe City and Grosse Pointe Park.

A brand new event, presented by the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation is Family Jingle and Mingle, including family fun, activities and refreshments immediately following the annual tree lighting.

**The Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade kicks off Friday, Nov. 23,** at 10 a.m. and ends in The Village. Just prior to the Parade, the Grosse Pointe Lions Club will host a Jingle Bell Run/Walk starting and ending at The Whiskey Six and featuring a holiday buffet following the parade. Santa Claus has even promised to make an appearance at The Whiskey Six, from 12-3 p.m.



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Most Village stores will remain open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays in December, as well as the week leading up to Christmas Day. Many stores will even be open on Christmas Eve until 3 p.m.

For updates and more information, visit The Village online at [www.facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointe](http://www.facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointe) or [www.thevillagegp.com](http://www.thevillagegp.com).



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"Everyone loves holiday time in The Village," Mayor Christopher Boettcher says. "Our festivities start the weekend before Thanksgiving with our Tree Lighting and continue through the end of December with shopping and Santa visits. This year we are happy that the Grosse Pointe Foundation is expanding the activities on the night of the Tree Lighting as it's always been a hugely popular evening for families. It's a great way to kick off the season of fun!"

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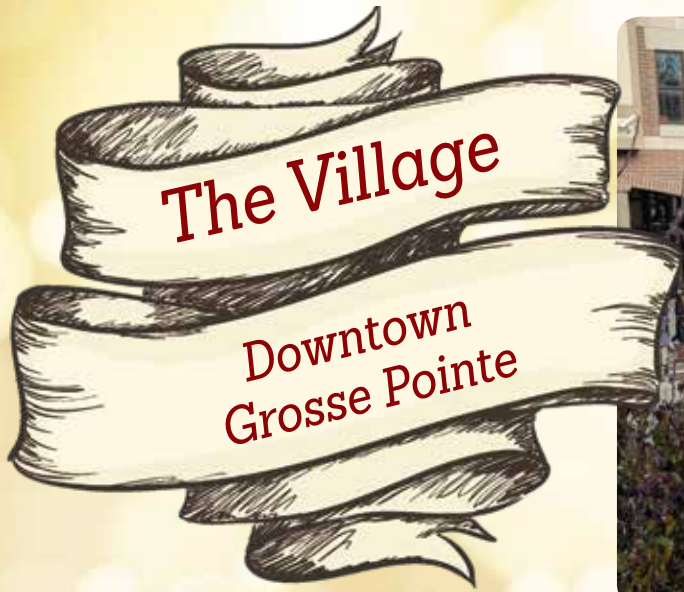


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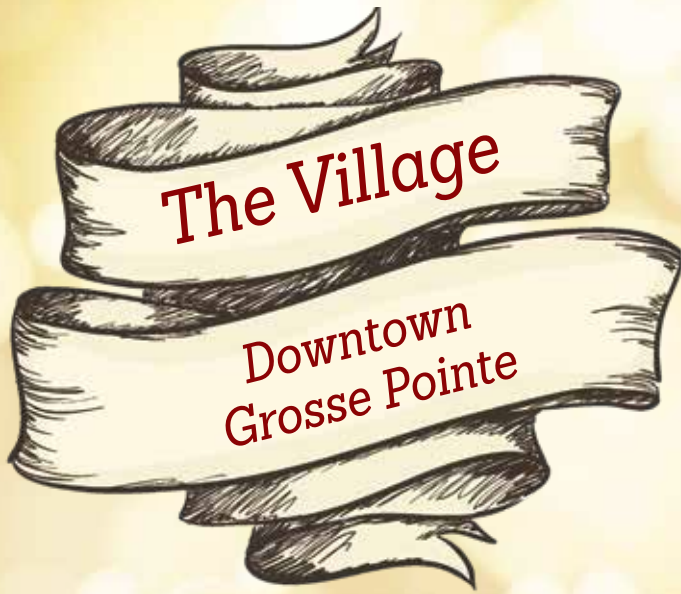
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