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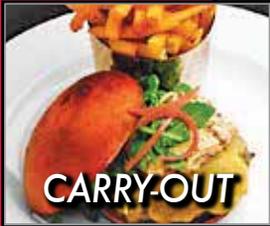




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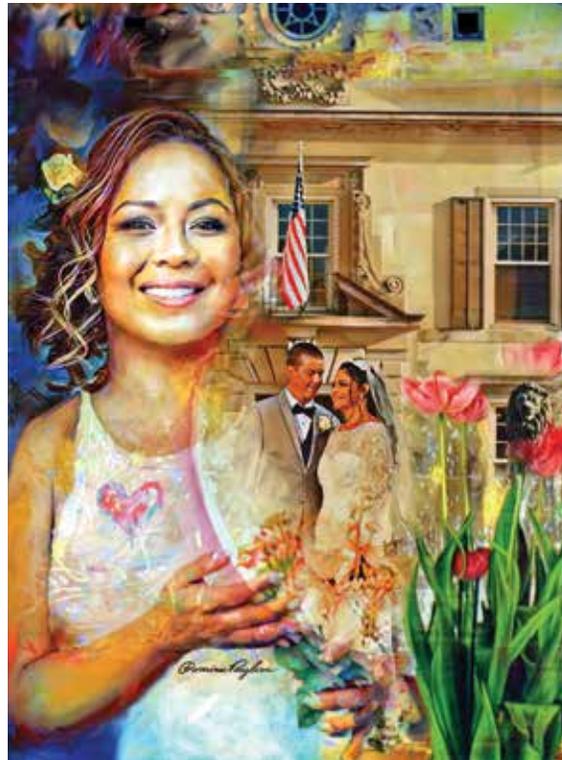
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**Where in the Pointes?**



Where in the Pointes is this object? On Monday, March 23, we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to respond with the most specific answer will win a gift card to Village Grille. Participants MUST wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck! (Last issue: Village Grille.)

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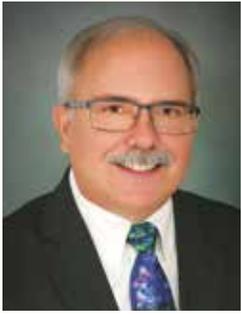


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# POINTE MAGAZINE



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## To springtime celebrations and milestones

It is hard to believe, but with this issue, we have completed 10 years of publishing *Pointe Magazine*, and what a thrill it has been. I tell everyone, “This is one of those things that turned out way better than expected.”

I’ve told you our story many times. The idea for a Grosse Pointe magazine came to us while driving to our annual vacation spot in Orlando in September 2009. I was freelancing for the *Detroit Legal News* at the time. We were still in the Great Recession, and at the age of 54, soon to turn 55, I saw little chance of finding a full-time position. We couldn’t start a newspaper. Grosse Pointe already had one. Then a light went on: What about a magazine? We remembered how much we all liked the former *Signature 48230* and *48236* magazines the *Detroit News* and *Free Press* published. It closed after just seven years in December 2008. By the time we had returned home, we had a business plan and printing quotes. We published our first magazine in May 2010, and it has been profitable and well-received ever since.

*Grosse Pointe Magazine* is the longest-running magazine in the Pointes, and the *only* magazine that goes to every home. That’s nearly 20,000 copies!

Our next issue, May-June 2020, will be our official 10th Anniversary magazine. I am sure we will have many special features, and our supporters and advertisers will have opportunities to celebrate with us. So stay tuned.

We are looking at making some changes, though. We will be returning to photographic covers of scenes throughout the Pointes as when we started. We have been fortunate for the past four years to have our “resident artist” Dominic Pangborn of Grosse Pointe Shores paint our covers. That’s more than two dozen covers in all! He did these gratis to support a “local” magazine, and we will forever be grateful to him. Thank you, Dominic! You will always be part of the *Pointe Magazine* family.

With that said, as always, be sure to patronize our many loyal businesses and advertisers, without whom this magazine would not have thrived and survived for 10 years and counting.

See you around the Pointe! ☺

*John*

In every March-April issue, we share the details of a Grosse Pointe wedding. This year’s wedding is a bit different from our past wedding features. With the ceremony in the front courtyard of The War Memorial and the reception in its cozy library, it’s a far more intimate affair.

There is something about a wedding in a historical setting — the dark wood walls, chandeliers and antique accents. The atmosphere of a place with a long, storied history and a room that has seen private family life, countless special events, notable speakers and, of course, a long list of honored veterans.

It’s a joy to share Brayton and Katherine’s special day in this special place. Their happiness is evident and their sweet responses to our wedding questions, a pleasure and inspiration to read.

Also each year, just before the release of the March-April issue, we are busy getting the *Insider’s Guide to the Pointes & Harper Woods* into the hands of our readers.

The *2020 Guide* with the *Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Directory* debuted at the annual Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce annual dinner on Jan. 30 and hit homes in February. I’d like to thank the Chamber for its help with the *Guide* and wish them a heartfelt congratulations on their recent move to 106 Kercheval on The Hill. If you haven’t seen their new headquarters, stop by and say hello!

By the time this issue goes to press, I will be well into maternity leave. So it seems strange, from this point in February, to wish a Happy Easter, Earth Day and spring! But equally exciting.

At *Pointe Magazine*, the arrival of spring means more than the shift to kinder weather. We will also be hard at work on our May-June issue — the 10th anniversary issue. I hope you have a beautiful early spring and see you in a couple months — just in time for the milestone celebration! ☺

*Lauren*

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# Meet Andrea

<b>Name</b>	Andrea Joy
<b>Age</b>	46
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Farms
<b>Occupation</b>	Fitness instructor and server



## Andrea's Favorites

- Season**  
Summer
- Book**  
*The Red Tent*
- Music Genre**  
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- Movie**  
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- Dessert**  
Hot fudge cream puff

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

The people and the lake

**What are your two best personality traits?**

I try to be open minded and I love getting to know new friends.

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

Pay for my children's college and help them with the eventual purchase of a house

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

I was a zookeeper before I had children.

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

Raising my two children

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

My husband surprised me by getting the cuckoo clock I inherited from my grandparents repaired.

**Words to live by?**

When we are not winning, we are learning.

## About Andrea

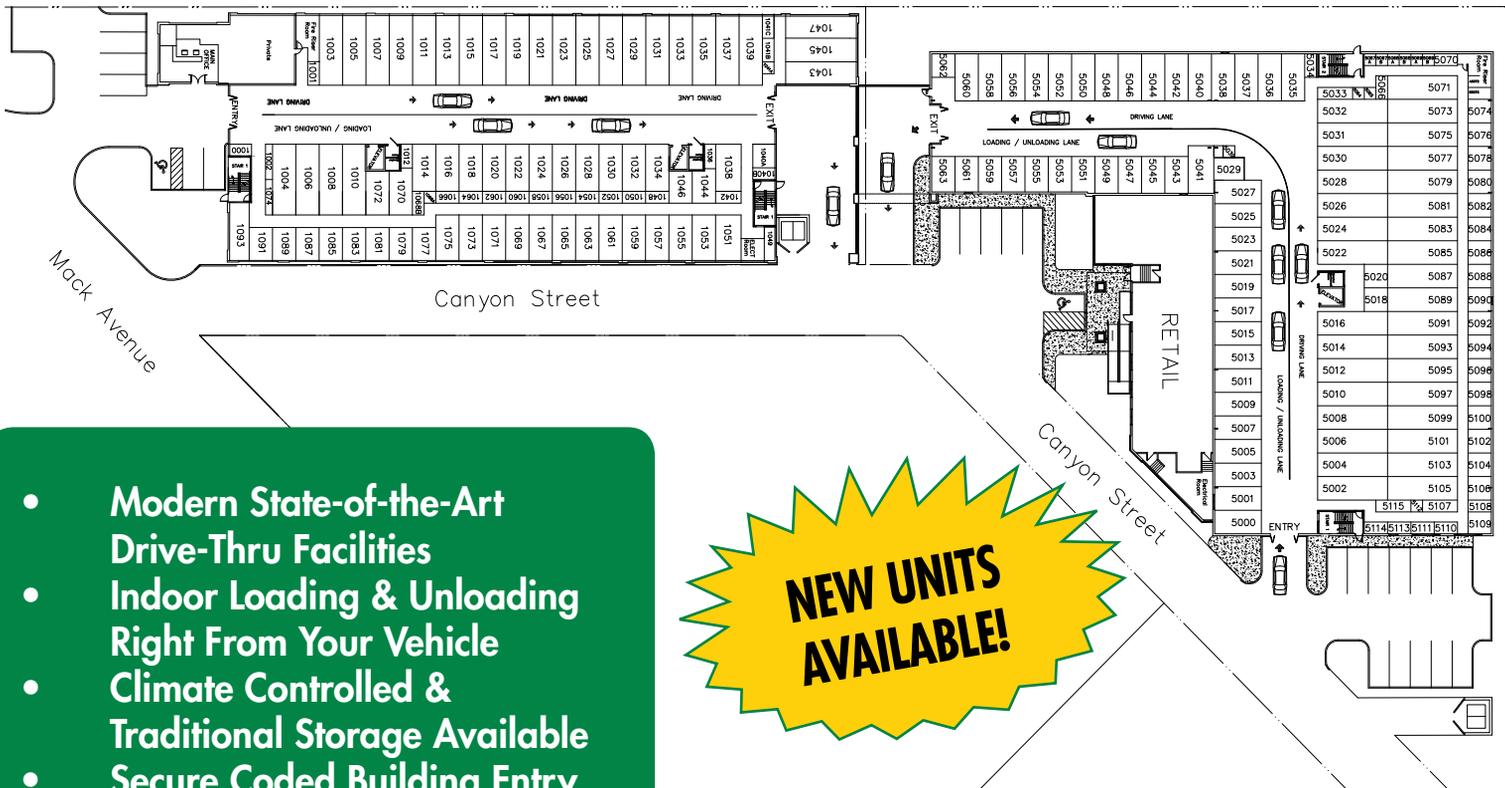
Andrea and husband Thomas are parents to Alex and Charlotte. Her main interests include activism, politics, community building and gardening.

"My favorite community event has to be the WeGP Pride March that I have been fortunate enough to chair. It's been amazing to see all of the committed volunteers and local businesses step up to make this event so special. This event makes me so proud to live here."

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## GPYC *FITNESS CENTER* success

By Margie Reins Smith

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Fitness Center opened late last summer after more than a decade in the planning stages. “It’s getting lots of positive feedback from members,” says Peter Wendzinski, fitness director.

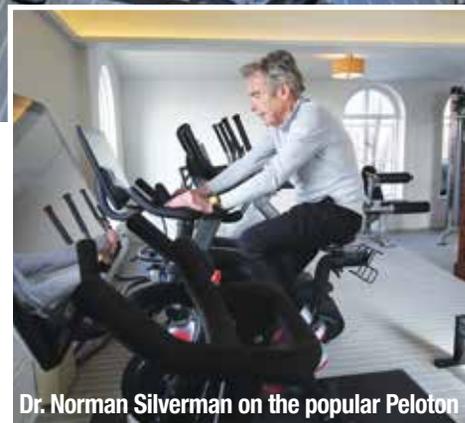
“We have 20 to 25 people in here on weekdays,” he says. “Saturday mornings are busy. The parent crowd comes on weekday mornings after dropping the kids off at school. Around 3:30 the high schoolers are here. Later, the working crowd.” Child care is provided from 3:30 to 7 p.m.

The 1,000 square foot facility is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. “Most of what I do is personal

training,” Wendzinski says. “But some people come here and just want to learn how to use the machines, then spend a half hour or so by themselves.”

“I am delighted with the fitness center,” says member Carol Klenow. “It’s a great facility for members who want a convenient and friendly place to work out regardless of their fitness level.”

The center was carved out of formerly wasted space above the existing locker rooms. It boasts eight exercise machines, all top-of-the-line, according to Wendzinski. Five have screens with Internet access. The room has three treadmills, a rower, ellipticals, a cable machine, leg curl machine, a Lat/Mid-Row machine and two Pelotons, plus



Dr. Norman Silverman on the popular Peloton

dumbbells, kettlebells medicine balls, free weights and more. Wendzinski says the Pelotons are the most popular.

Wendzinski grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and went to Grosse Pointe South High School.

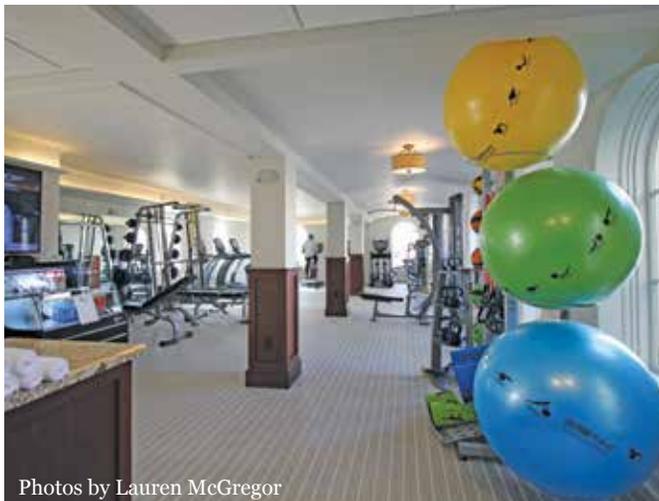
“I spent 10 years in the automotive marketing world,” he says, “before I found my true passion: health and wellness.” He earned a certificate for personal training from the National Academy of Sports Medicine, plus certification for several other exercise specialties. He is also a golf trainer.

“I see about 100 to 150 people here every week,” he says. “Baby boomers are getting older and want to stay in shape. Lots of seniors want to stay active and healthy.”

“The Fitness Center is a tremendous addition to the club and has up-to-date and comprehensive equipment,” says member Dr. Norman Silverman, 73. “It’s expertly managed and provides professional and enjoyable fitness training for all levels.”



Peter Wendzinski



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2020 Tau Beta

# spring market

**T**au Beta Association presents its 17th annual Spring Market, April 23-25, at the historic lakefront Grosse Pointe Club at 6 Berkshire Place. This year's market will be the largest yet with 24 vendors — more than half of which are new to Spring Market.

Vendors will provide a one-of-a-kind opportunity to purchase both classic and on-trend women's and men's fashions and accessories, stylish ladies and junior golf attire, stunning jewelry, fresh home accents and specialty foods. The event provides a fun spring shopping experience, but its higher purpose is to raise funds for The Children's Center of Detroit, a venerable organization dedicated to helping Detroit's most at-risk children.

"This year brings a refreshed and more contemporary Spring Market," says Patty French, Tau Beta Spring Market co-chair.

"In addition to some of our favorite returning vendors, we have 13 new vendors from around the country offering unique items," says Sharon Wacker, Spring Market co-chair.

Some new vendors offering boutique-quality pieces include: Carson & Co., antique botanicals transformed into silk scarves and apparel; CBR Designs paintings; Claudia T. Trina, embroidered velvet, canvas slippers,

sandals and espadrilles; Flutter Eyewear; Franklin Fine Goods, fine South African goods for the sophisticated home; and Tori Brown The Label, beach chic accessories.

Some popular vendors set to return include: Asha, bold, classic accessories; Carrie Dunham, a twist on the classic Bermuda bag in clutch and handbags; Kathy Kamei, Balinese inspired, handcrafted jewelry; Edit New York, bespoke women's jackets and dresses; and Bird Dog Bay, menswear and accessories.

Get a sneak peek of these specialty items during the Preview Party and Raffle on Thursday, April 23, 6-9 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person in advance and \$85 at the door. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The ever-popular Preview Party Raffle will once again feature items sure to draw everyone's attention: A Luxury Beauty Package by Neiman Marcus (\$1,600 value); Chanel gold tweed handbag (\$5,500 value); Sydney Evans gold and pave diamond ring (\$1,675 value); and Cottage Still Life oil painting, an original oil painting by local artist Christine Wardwell (\$1,000 value).

Spring Market shopping days continue Friday, April 24, 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Those attending the Thursday Preview Party will receive a drink ticket for the "Spring Market-tinis" Friday

event, 4-7 p.m. A cash bar will also be available at that time. Attendance Friday night enters you into a drawing for a B. May Clutch (\$350 value).

On Saturday, April 25, doors will be open 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Guests can enjoy a cash-only buffet in the Spring Market café, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

There is still time to support the Spring Market and Children's Center through three different sponsorship levels: Gold (\$6,000), Silver (\$3,000) and Bronze (\$1,500).

"This annual event is our largest fundraiser and our main goal continues to be to raise funds in support of The Children's Center and its many programs," says Wacker. Since 2004, Tau Beta has contributed more than \$1.2 million to The Children's Center.

For more information about Spring Market shopping days, preview party/raffle tickets, sponsorships, vendors and more, visit [www.facebook.com/tbspringmarket](http://www.facebook.com/tbspringmarket) or [www.taubeta.org](http://www.taubeta.org) (click on Spring Market). Tau Beta's email address is: [springmarket@taubeta.org](mailto:springmarket@taubeta.org). For more information about the Children's Center visit [www.thechildrenscenter.com](http://www.thechildrenscenter.com). 

**Clockwise from top left; Spring Market committee; Flutter Eyewear; Franklin Fine Goods pillow; Bird Dog Bay ties**

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# Grosse Pointe Theatre presents **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS** in a new way

By Anne Erickson

Leta Chrisman was destined to be part of Grosse Pointe Theatre. After all, her parents met at the theater company years ago and performed in its shows when she was a little girl.

Now, Chrisman is a major part of Grosse Pointe Theatre, doing everything from directing to stage managing to set design.

She directed their recent production of *Camelot* and is back to direct *Little Shop of Horrors* this spring.

Directing *Little Shop* — the famed horror comedy rock musical based on the film about a singing, flesh-eating plant — is something Chrisman has wanted to do for a long time.

“I’m a big fan of strong female roles, because a lot of shows — older shows, especially — are very male-dominated,” she says. “This show has great roles for women and men. Also, it’s very rock ‘n’ roll and Motown in the way the music was written.”

“It’s just a fun show. There’s a singing alien plant!” she laughs. “There’s a lot of fun stuff, but also a lot of heavier stuff, which we will explore.”



Austin Sulkey as Audrey and Kevin Fitzhenry as Seymour Krelborn

Even if you’ve seen *Little Shop* before, Chrisman says Grosse Pointe Theatre’s production will bring lots of newness.

“Our plant is being voiced by a woman, and usually, it’s voiced by a man,” says Chrisman, whose assistant director is Olyvia Brown on the production. “We opened up the Plant to whoever could sing it, and we found this person, Betsy (King), who blew our socks off. She walked in, and we said, ‘Who is this and where did she come from?’”

This particular production, Chrisman says, will incorporate Motown “because the music stands up and says, ‘This is what I need.’”

abusive boyfriend, dentist Orin Scrivello (Zach Coates).

“A lot of times, it’s portrayed as cartoon-ish and glossed over because it’s a sensitive subject,” Chrisman says. “We decided to take it more seriously. We’re even reaching out to partner with a local organization, because we want to shed light on it. We’re working to make it more realistic and less cartoon-ish, which is uncomfortable and fantastic. It’s something we all take seriously, and it’s a fun show, but this is how we feel that material should be treated.”

Chrisman is excited to share this production with the world.

“I’m excited to give this caliber of a production to the audience,” she says. “It’s going to be so great to be able to share it with people. You put in all this work and I love that on opening night, you get to say, ‘Here you go! Enjoy this! That’s my favorite thing.’”

Grosse Pointe Theatre presents *Little Shop of Horrors* March 27-29 and April 2-5 at Pierce Auditorium, 15430 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park. Tickets start at \$26 and are available, along with a full listing of dates and times, at [www.gpt.org](http://www.gpt.org). 



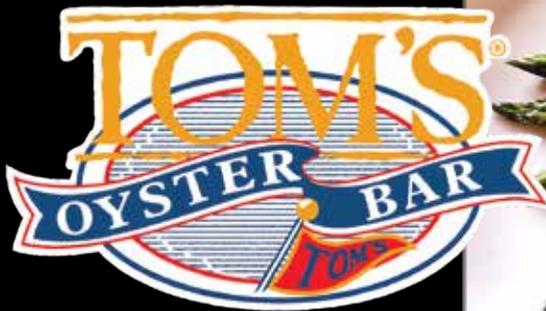
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Director Leta Chrisman is seated front row, fourth from left

When it comes to the serious side of *Little Shop*, Grosse Pointe Theatre won’t shy away. The show has a domestic violence component between the character of Audrey (Austin Sulkey) and her



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## at home in the Pointes

By Susan Bollinger

After 46 years apart, high school sweethearts Mary Alice and Bob Simpson were reunited through a mutual friend. They made this Grosse Pointe Shores French colonial their first home together — and the backdrop for their surprise wedding in 2013.

“We invited 150 friends and family for a pre-holiday cocktail party, and announced we were exchanging vows. You could have heard a pin drop,” recalls Mary Alice.

The two lost touch after high school. “I thought Mary Alice had died on the Pan Am flight to Lockerbie,” says Bob. Mary Alice simply didn’t know what happened to Bob through the years.

Both were alive and well and had never forgotten the other. Mary Alice (then Annecharico) was interviewing for a position as chief information officer at Henry Ford Health System, and Bob was ready to retire from his city manager position in North Carolina — his second career after flying in the U.S. Air Force for 26 years, earning the rank of colonel.

When Mary Alice saw the home, she knew it was “the one.” Bob was so confident in her choice he signed the purchase agreement “sight unseen.”

Their 1941 French colonial has a warmth visitors feel immediately. The custom front door with opaque, inset glass allows sunbeams to grace

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the inviting foyer. Timeless oak floors, peppered with cozy rugs, extend through the living and dining rooms and Tuscan style kitchen.

Their favorite room in the home — and their wedding venue — is the conservatory. “It brings the outside, inside,” says Mary Alice. With its orchids, fresh cut flowers and Christmas cacti that happily bloom three times a year, the light-filled oasis is swathed with nature, even during Michigan’s cold winters.

The conservatory opens to the gardens, bursting with roses, weeping willows, hydrangeas and wild peonies. Throughout summer, something is



always in bloom. A “secret” garden path is a favorite place for the adventures of the Simpsons’ grandchildren.

“Former owners were master gardeners, and the maturity and landscaping are largely due to them.

It was important to us to preserve the landscape they painted,” explains Mary Alice. “We love working and entertaining outside, and have a great



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space to do that.”

After receiving a frog high chair when her first child was born, Mary Alice’s friends and family have given her frog decorations ever since. “We have exploited the frogs as a theme in our home,” she says. Bob adds, “The grandchildren lose count after 1,000.” 



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*The Simpsons recently made the difficult decision to relocate to Maryland to be near family. For a private showing of 80 Lochmoor Blvd., Grosse Pointe Shores, contact Kay Agney of Higbie Maxon Agney at (313) 886-3400 or visit [higbiemaxon.com](http://higbiemaxon.com). (Property still on the market as of Feb. 23, 2020.)*



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## Ford House Grounds Restoration Turns Back the Clock

By Susan Bollinger

Imagine looking across the grounds at Ford House, the historic estate of Edsel and Eleanor Ford, and seeing the same views, right down to the trees, shrubs and flowering plants, the Ford family saw when they moved in almost 100 years ago.

“The estate’s largest, most extensive restoration project will bring it back to a historically accurate state,” says Ford House president and CEO Mark Heppner. “What you see today is not necessarily what was intended by the family. Our goal is to recreate an authentic experience.”

Physical work started this winter with the swimming pool and lagoon on the southeast corner of the 87-acre estate, and will conclude in summer 2021 with plantings.

Work behind the scenes has been underway since 2015. According to Ford House director of landscapes Karl Koto, “We’ve examined drawings, letters, construction log books, historic photos, aerial photos and family films to piece together what the property was like, what it has become and how it all works together.”

The original landscape architect, Denmark-born Jens Jensen, worked closely with the Ford family in the 1920s. A pioneer of the prairie style, he was inspired by nature. His designs incorporate curved lines, hide-and-show views and changing light and shadow.

The swimming pool was a favorite retreat of the Ford grandchildren and 93 years later, is feeling its age. “We will repair the structural integrity, plumbing and mechanics,” says Heppner. “Stonework will be replaced and lighting restored. Using extensive family photos and videos, we can accurately bring the pool’s landscaping back to what it was like.”

The lagoon will see some dramatic changes. Boulders and concrete placed around the edge to stop erosion will be replaced with layered stonework, soft edges and wetlands in Jens Jensen’s style.

“We know Jensen intended the lagoon to look like an up-north swimming hole, with white birches, hemlocks, shrubs



and herbaceous layers,” explains Koto. “We’ll reintroduce native plants and uncover long-hidden stonework.”

Albert Kahn Associates was selected for the first phase of the restoration.

“Our team has fascinating conversations,” says Heppner. “While we don’t always agree, we are all guided by the wishes of the Ford family to restore and maintain the estate to the time when they lived there together.”

Join Karl Koto at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, at the St. Clair Shores Public Library for a free presentation on the pool and lagoon restoration. [Phi](#)

**Clockwise from top left: Pool, historic; Pool, modern; Lagoon, historic; Lagoon, modern**

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## Pear Trellis Rust

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

## Hosts and Damage

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

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

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



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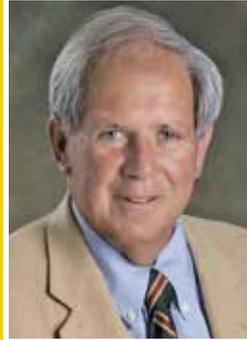
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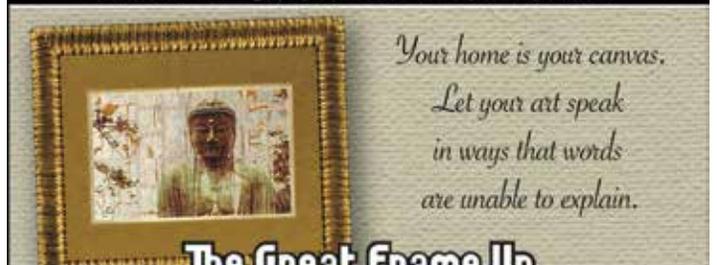
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# THREE GROSSE POINTE DESIGNERS CHOSEN FOR SHOW HOUSE



The Junior League of Detroit (JLD) is delighted to announce 27 interior design and architecture firms selected to transform its 2020 Designers' Show House. The prominent design firms were carefully selected from across the country to join honorary design chairs Jaime Drake and Caleb Anderson in reimagining 33 interior spaces in the Bingley Fales House, 1771 Seminole Street in historic Indian Village.

This year's generous design sponsors include Kohler Co., Kohler Signature Store in Birmingham, Benjamin Moore Paint and CIOT Tile.

Every other year, the JLD hand-selects a local estate and curates a team of local and national interior designers to transform the home into a Designers' Show House. To date, the fundraiser has raised nearly \$5 million in support of local philanthropic efforts.

"We are thrilled to bring together an exciting mix of veteran and first-time designers for our 2020 Show House, which will no doubt lead to a fresh and stunning transformation," says Aimee

Argel, JLD president. "Thanks to the tireless efforts and dedication of our designers, the Junior League of Detroit is able to produce one of the highest caliber show houses in the country."

At 16,000 square feet, the Bingley Fales House is the largest residence in Indian Village.

The Georgian-style mansion, set on two spectacular acres, will be open to the public Thursdays through Sundays, May 10 - June 7, with the Opening Night Gala on Saturday, May 9.

Funds raised will support the JLD's local philanthropic efforts, including 'Project EAT,' which helps create a more food secure community by providing Education, Access and Tools to those in need. Through Project EAT, the JLD launched the Empowered Pantry, which provides over 25,000 annual meals, nutrition education and cooking tools for employees of the Empowerment Plan.

For more information, Gala and public admission tickets, visit [JLDetroit.org](http://JLDetroit.org).

## Grosse Pointe designers' visions

Annie Kordas (Grosse Pointe Farms), principal designer and owner of **Annie Kordas Interiors**, will transform the second floor green bedroom.

The children's room will showcase a mixture of vintage and new pieces and be a true

meeting of earth and animals; night and day.

French forest wallpaper will line the ceiling to evoke the night sky, with a moon-like chandelier suspended from the center of the room.

Vintage children's books will "float" on the wall in an unconventional bookcase concept. Stripe and dot drapery panels will offer a touch of playfulness. A brass tree sculpture and antique Scandinavian sheep rocker will also punctuate this space.

Alexis Elley (Grosse Pointe Farms) of **Textures Design** is responsible for the design of an en-suite bathroom.

Her aesthetic is casual elegant with natural textures and tones. Elley designed a space that is serene and welcoming, while maintaining the historical atmosphere.

The bathroom boasts beautiful porcelain tiles from Ciot Detroit, plumbing fixtures provided by Kohler and a natural shade by Hartman and Forbes.

Demolition of poorly added drywall revealed a unique mother of pearl call button. Expect a touch whimsy with this! 

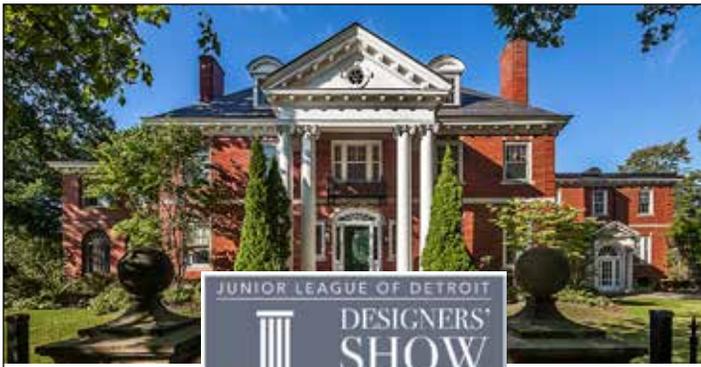
**ShowHouse Interiors** (Grosse Pointe) has been chosen to redesign the entry foyer. They did not respond for comment by press time.



## Designer Participants:

A. Lane Architecture	Happy, Pretty, Lifestyle Design
Andre' Jordan Hilton	Haris Interior Design Studio
Annie Kordas Interiors	Kia Interior Design
Auer Design & Woodharbor Cabinetry	KLK Design
Birch Design Associates	Laura Zender Design
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**Top, from left: 'Before' shots of a bedroom to be designed by Annie Kordas Interiors; entry foyer to be designed by ShowHouse Interiors; bathroom to be designed by Textures Design; Headshots from top: Annie Kordas; Alexis Elley** Photos courtesy of the JLD, Annie Kordas and Alexis Elley



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**Wedding date:** October 18, 2019

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**Parents:** Brayton, David and Lynn Groth; Katherine, Paul and Claudia Corrado

**Current city:** Birmingham

**Ceremony:** The War Memorial

**Reception:** The War Memorial

**Photographer:** Sam Sarkis

**Baker:** Petite Sweets Detroit

**Florist:** Viviano's

**Dress:** Marsha's by Marsha Poshadlo

**Menswear:** Jos A. Bank

**Entertainment:** Pro DJ Services

**First dance:** "I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz

**Colors:** Muted blues, silver and nudes

**How did you meet?**

**Katherine:** We met through a mutual friend. My oldest friend, Brie Sherer, taught a swim camp at Cranbrook with Brayton many years ago and in 2015 they were reconnected. That is how he and I were introduced.

**When did you realize you wanted to marry each other?**

**Both:** Fairly quickly into the relationship; within the first year for sure.

**What do you love most about one another?**

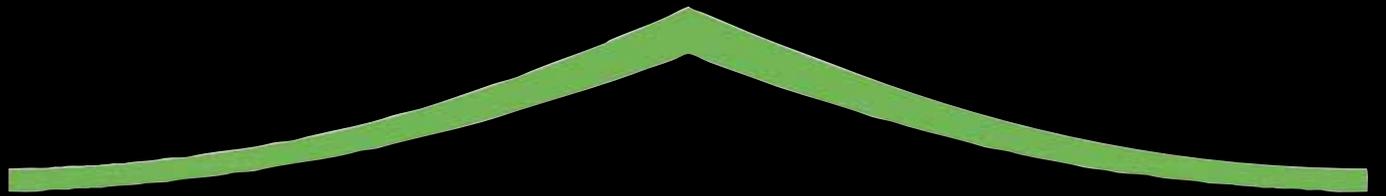
**Brayton:** I love Katherine's sense of humor the most.

**Katherine:** I love that Brayton makes me feel brave.

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**Katherine:** Brayton planned a night out downtown during the Christmas season (December 21) to see the tree at Campus Martius and stop by Cadillac Lodge for games and drinks. I thought that we were just having a fun, “Christmasy” night together.

Earlier that month, I had sent Brayton a photo of a simple Stella and Dot ring to give him an idea for a Christmas gift. He likes for me to send him gift ideas, so I didn’t think anything of it.

We had been sitting in Cadillac Lodge for a while when he asked if I wanted to go outside to see the tree. In front of the tree, and in the middle of our conversation, he said, ‘I don’t think I’m going to be able to get you that ring you sent me for Christmas.’

As I was telling him that that was no big deal, he cut me off as quickly as he could and said, ‘So I decided to get you this one instead.’

At that moment,

he pulled out my engagement ring! I was so stunned and overwhelmed I think I said, ‘are you kidding me?’ about 10 times before I finally said ‘Yes!’ It was such an amazing, true moment.

### *What atmosphere were you looking to create?*

**Both:** Intimate and romantic

### *What was unique about your wedding?*

**Katherine:** My mom’s speech is the one thing that sticks out in my head the most. It was very meaningful to both of us. It was funny and everyone enjoyed it. It was one of my favorite moments of the night.

### *What was your favorite moment of the wedding?*

**Both:** Exchanging our vows. We each wrote our own so it was exciting to finally hear what we both came up with.



**Left, Brayton and Katherine Groth surrounded by Katherine’s parents, Claudia and Paul Corrado**

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**What did you love most about your venue?**

**Brayton:** It created a warm and inviting environment. It made it feel like everyone there was one big family.

**Katherine:** The War Memorial really did end up making the day that much more special. Growing up in Grosse Pointe Farms and having the location so close to my home, I had the tendency to overlook the true beauty and uniqueness of it. I have wonderful memories of The War Memorial throughout all different phases of my life.

It was also a special spot because Brayton’s grandparents, Charles and Barbara Ghesquiere, both grew up in Grosse Pointe and also attended Grosse Pointe South, just like I did.

Because my mother is the executive assistant to Charles Burke and absolutely loves her job at The War Memorial, the venue was extra meaningful for her as well.



It was nice that the wedding could be special for people other than just Brayton and myself. It was a beautiful day that no one will be forgetting any time soon.

**What has been the best part of married life?**

**Both:** Having that bond and devotion for each other feel even stronger than we ever imagined it could. It’s an incredible feeling to share everything with someone you’re that connected to. [P](#)



**Brayton and Katherine Groth surrounded by Brayton’s parents, Lynn and David Groth**

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By Susan Bollinger

When Detroiters think of manufacturing in their hometown, they typically think of the automotive industry. But a new non-profit located in Midtown aims to put Detroit on the map as a hub for fashion manufacturing.

“There have been aspirations for years to bring fashion manufacturing to Detroit, but we were missing qualified people,” explains Jennifer Guarino, CEO of the Industrial Sewing and Innovation Center (ISAIC). “We’re removing that barrier through training and apprenticeships for aspiring industrial sewers and management fellowships.” ISAIC is a national institute of excellence for the sewn trades.

Woven into the program are educational opportunities to build a skilled and qualified workforce of sewers in Detroit. In conjunction with Henry Ford College, ISAIC prepares students through a course in basic sewing skills. “They can take their credits and move on to a four-year college, or join ISAIC as an apprentice or entry-level sewer,” explains Guarino.

Apprenticeships offer paid, on-the-job training. Entry-level jobs are open to those who have more skills and are ready to start work. “Both opportunities pay a living salary,” says Guarino. “Apprentices

earn \$24,000 annually, and new sewers earn \$30,000. Fellowships are designed for women of color interested in management positions. All positions include 100 percent employer paid health insurance and paid time off.”

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A public grand opening event is scheduled for April. The brand-new space is open and inviting, surrounding staff with skylights, windows and green plants. Tours, monthly workshops, and a speaker series will continue to bring people in to learn about the organization. Manufacturing will begin with knit products and expand to include additional types of apparel.

“We’re doing this in a totally different way — Detroit style,” says Guarino. “It’s the only program of its kind in the nation, focused on preparing this workforce with the latest technology, equipment and processes. We’re focused on building what the industry needs, and offering it right here in Detroit.”

Grosse Pointe’s Valade family is helping lead this charge with Gretchen Rose Valade serving on ISAIC’s board of trustees and Carhartt donating space



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**Middle, ISAIC factory, to be opened in April on Carhartt’s third floor; bottom, ISAIC CEO Jennifer Guarino at Henry Ford College**

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above its flagship Detroit store for the factory (with funds for completing the buildout), while longtime Grosse Pointe Ann Fitzpatrick was recruited to head up marketing and communications.

ISAIC is the result of more than a dozen partnerships, including Detroit Denim, Carhartt and the City of Detroit. To learn more or become a supporter, visit [www.isaic.org](http://www.isaic.org). 

# Wash hands the right way

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

There is a panicked person in my office at least once a day asking about how not to catch the latest viral infection, be it influenza or the coronavirus. My answer: remain calm and wash your hands often, especially at certain key times and the right way. Hand washing is the single most effective way to stop the spread of disease.



Many people do not realize that the point of washing is not to kill the viruses and bacteria that are on your hands but to simply get them off of your hands, to literally wash them away. Hand sanitizers and antibacterial soaps do kill germs, but that is not necessary to avoid getting sick.

Soap creates a slippery medium, making it easier to remove the germs.

Here is the proper way: wet your hands, apply enough soap to make a good lather and then rub your hands, including the palms and the back of the hands. Interlink your fingers and clean between your fingers, including the fingertips and under the fingernails. Scrub for 20 seconds, the amount of time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice. Then rinse your hands, envisioning all those germs sliding off and going down the sink.

Finally, when you dry your hands, you are further removing germs by rubbing them off — so dry well and thoroughly with a clean towel.

Key times to wash your hands include before meal prep, before eating, after you cough or sneeze, after using the restroom and any time you return to your home.

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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# Meet Catherine



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<b>Age</b>	77
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Farms
<b>Occupation</b>	Retired general manager, Taubman Co.

## Catherine's Favorites

- Season**  
Summer
- Movie**  
*My Fair Lady*
- Food**  
Lobster
- Restaurant**  
Joe Muer's
- Book**  
*Lincoln the Man*
- Vacation**  
Cruise with my daughters
- Activity**  
Attending the Detroit Symphony Orchestra
- Musical Artist**  
Rod Stewart
- Dessert**  
Brownies

**What was your first job?**

Sales associate at J.L. Hudson, Eastland, Harper Woods

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

Buyer of women's and children's wear at J.L. Hudson Co.

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

Being with my daughters in England and Paris

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

At 14, my dad letting me behind the wheel of his new car and driving around Belle Isle.

**What accomplishment makes you proudest?**

Beside my daughters and grandchildren, working with young talent and seeing them become productive adults in the business world. Teaching and coaching new employees about the shopping center.

**Do you collect anything?**

Candlesticks and small crystal animals

**What's one thing you would like to learn?**

Play piano without the music, create my own

**Words to live by?**

Be honest, be fair, be kind and respect life.

## About Catherine

"I've lived in Grosse Pointe most of my life. My parents were great teachers of work ethics. As their only child, they both gave of their time and talents — my father with sports and my mother with the arts.

I went to work at Eastland Center and school at Cass Tech and Wayne State University."

Next, Catherine married, moved to Farmington Hills and had two children, Shannon and Chrissy. Following her divorce, she returned to Grosse Pointe to be near her parents.

"(I then) traveled across the country with my job managing shopping centers, opened Twelve Oaks Mall, managed the retail at Renaissance Center in Detroit and managed Eastland Mall. I retired after managing Fairlane Town Center." Most recently, Catherine served as interim director of The Helm for 6 months.

Today, Catherine enjoys golfing in her free time and spending time at The Helm.

# Not too late to make resolutions

By Ronda Maniaci

2020 could be your best year yet. Start by writing down some actionable goals aimed at improving your health and happiness. If you are not sure what resolutions to make, we've got your back.



### Ramp up your physical activities

Older adults should do four types of physical activities regularly to stay in optimum shape. These include aerobic/endurance exercises, muscle strengthening, activities to improve balance and flexibility. Yoga is one recommended exercise that combines balance, strength training and improving flexibility.

### Indulge in nutrient-rich foods

Changes in your body as you get older mean you require certain nutrients to remain functional. Having a balanced intake of healthy carbs (whole grains, vegetables, whole fruits, etc.), as well as poultry, seafood, lean meats, legumes, nuts and seeds. At the same time, you want to minimize your intake of sugary drinks, refined carbs such as white bread and processed meats.

### Keep your mind active

Various studies show that an active brain wards off Alzheimer's and other cognitive disorders while keeping your brain firing on all cylinders. Great ways to keep your mind sharp include joining a book club, reading and doing creative things like, painting and writing.

### Work on your friendships

Start by reaching out to old friends you haven't seen in a while to boost companionship. If you don't have friends, volunteers and joining groups can put you in touch with new people who could become lifelong friends.

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## FREEP FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS TO THE PATRIOT THEATER

By Susan Bollinger

When The Patriot Theater at The War Memorial opened almost two years ago, one of its goals was to become a Freep Film Festival venue. “We were selected that first year,” says Bruce Ferguson, curator for The Patriot Theater, “and were chosen again this year not only as a venue, but to host the festival launch party.”

The Freep Film Festival is one of the preeminent film festivals of the Great Lakes region and an important cultural event for metro Detroit. While there are screening locations throughout the Detroit area, the 207-seat Patriot Theater is the only one on the east side.

Nearly a dozen films will be shown at The Patriot Theater from April 22-26, with multiple screenings per day. The complete lineup will be announced at the March 11 launch party.

“With its digital cinema projector, the theater offers superior visuals and sound, and elevates the experience for the audience and the filmmaker, who may be seeing their work in a

theater for the first time,” says Kathy Kieliszewski, co-founder and artistic director of the festival and photo and video director at the Detroit Free Press.

Kieliszewski, who lives in Grosse Pointe, adds, “The luxury box seats and the chance to enjoy a glass of wine with your popcorn are particularly welcoming.”

The festival focuses on documentaries, many with strong connections to Detroit and Michigan. “We program films we think will resonate and are relevant here, and celebrate Michigan living and Michigan storytellers,” says Kieliszewski.

Screenings include post-film discussions, often a panel that may involve the filmmaker, director, stakeholders and policy makers. Moderators are Detroit Free Press journalists whose reporting connects with the issues addressed in the films.

Ferguson’s excitement is palpable: “The festival encourages people to travel to Grosse Pointe, dine at Grosse Pointe restaurants, see The War

Memorial and enjoy the theater. The Freep staff are the best in the industry, and we are thrilled to partner with them.”

After March 18, visit [www.warmemorial.org/freep](http://www.warmemorial.org/freep) for more information, the schedule of films at The Patriot Theater and tickets. Patriot Arts and Culture Society members receive \$25 off Freep Film Festival passes. A limited number are available until April 1. For the complete Freep Film Festival schedule, event passes and tickets for any screening, visit [www.freepfilmfestival.com](http://www.freepfilmfestival.com). 

Don't miss the Opening Night film “America You Kill Me” at the Fillmore Detroit on April 22. The documentary tracks the rise, fall and legacy of Grosse Pointe native Jeffrey Montgomery, whose LGBT rights activism was spurred when his partner was killed outside a Detroit nightclub in 1985. He learned a full investigation would not be done because it was “just another gay killing.” Learn more at [freepfilmfestival.com/america-you-kill-me/](http://freepfilmfestival.com/america-you-kill-me/)

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# SECURE Act

By Lina Bowman

The SECURE Act was signed into law this past December and made effective on Jan. 1. This new law brings significant changes to almost every aspect of financial, retirement, tax, estate planning and their associated strategies.



There are several items that will affect most individuals — whether you're a retiree that may or may not have started your RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions), a business owner that either has a retirement plan already or has been thinking about putting one in place, an employee over the age of 70 1/2, a new parent or even a graduate student.

One important change is that RMDs now start at age 72. The most significant change is the elimination of the lifetime "stretch" option for IRAs. Beneficiaries are now required to withdraw their entire inherited retirement account within 10 years of the original owner's death. If you had named a trust as your beneficiary prior to the SECURE Act, it's imperative to review your estate plan. In order to make sure you understand the impact that the law will have on your family and how you'll plan accordingly, it is more critical than ever to do a beneficiary review.

The key for you is to review your overall goals, objectives and all other aspects of your financial/estate plan. There are many planning strategies that may be beneficial to you in helping you reach your goals. Be sure to reach out to your tax professional, attorney or contact our office for help navigating your situation.

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# The golden rule

By Anna Bartolotta

So many times we enter situations where people simply do not agree with each other; it is the reason we have attorneys. One side can see one situation and the other side can see something unbelievably different.

Communication is key. But at times, even great communication won't come close to solving the problem.



I know it is easier said than done, but you must step out of your situation and look at both sides of whatever mess you are in. If you are currently upset or mad, take a moment to breathe and then explore the other person's side of things. After mentally exploring, you may still have the same position, or you may not and be open to more negotiations.

There are times when you come across another human that is so incredibly stubborn and will not budge on principle alone; there is just no reasoning possible and breathing will not help anything except keep you alive. Leave these people alone to their own lives, there is nothing you can do about them except to stay away from them.

When something is in your hands make sure you do what is best for everyone involved, not just yourself. Caring about another perspective will give you a positive attitude in your life and all things will work out in the long run. I promise.

We will always need attorneys and we will always need good judges to untangle our disagreements, but just take a moment to see if you can work out your issues as humans and take others into account. If you don't choose to look outside the box, it may turn out to be you that is the stubborn principled person and not the other guy.

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Plans for the front entrance of The War Memorial create a more welcoming approach with an “English garden” feel.



## Historic design inspires The War Memorial grounds renovation

By Susan Bollinger

Part of the exciting plans to upgrade The War Memorial include the facility’s gardens and grounds, which will be transformed through a combination of historic landscaping and modern accessibility. “Our goal is to elevate the patron experience, and so much of that encompasses the outside space,” says Charles Burke, president and CEO of The War Memorial.

The current landscaping at the front of the building — the circle drive, fountain and garden adjacent to the front entrance — are not historic. The original gardens were designed by a woman who led the nation — and specifically the Grosse Pointes — in landscape architecture.

Ellen Biddle Shipman was known as the “dean of the American women landscape architects.” A single mother of three, she founded an all-female landscape design business. While her company was based in New York, Grosse Pointe became home to more of her public work than any other community in the nation. Of the 650 gardens she created in the early 1900s, 60 were located in the Pointes.

At The War Memorial, landscaping with a nod to history and Shipman’s work will be concentrated at the front

of the house. The stamped concrete of the circle drive will be replaced with an intimate English garden. Parts of the current gardens, such as the gate and fountains, will be re-used inside and outside the building. Historic photos and designs by Shipman, which are stored at Cornell University, will lead the inspiration.

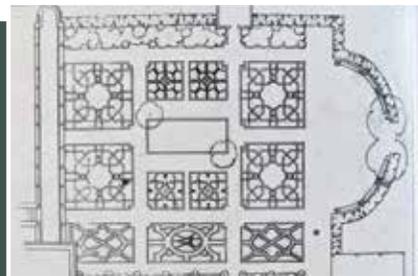
Because The War Memorial’s gardens and grounds are the only public lakefront space in Grosse Pointe, “The new design will be interactive, connecting the driveway with the sidewalk system on Lake Shore,” reveals Burke. “Patrons will be able to access the water behind the house, regardless of mobility issues. Grass and natural

materials will replace asphalt.”

The renovation plans require zero tax dollars. The collision of art, culture, history and humanities are not intended to add volume to The War Memorial programming. The goal is a higher quality experience.

“In everything we do, we will be environmentally sensitive, using locally sourced, native species that are historically accurate,” says Burke. “This is a mission we are approaching in an enlightened way. It will take several years to complete, but will be part of the Pointes for generations to come.”

Top photo courtesy of The War Memorial; historic photos courtesy of Ann Marie Aliotta and Suzy Berschback, *Images of America: Grosse Pointe War Memorial*



Historic photos and designs of the original Alger House landscaping, created by Ellen Biddle Shipman, will inspire The War Memorial’s reimaged outdoor spaces.





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THE WAR MEMORIAL



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WHEN **APRIL 22-26**

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Over the past year, The Patriot Theater at The War Memorial has experienced exponential growth in its mission to provide thought-provoking and powerful stories to all who visit. From conversations with US District Attorney Christopher Graveline, the prosecutor who investigated the real-life subject of Clint Eastwood's highly acclaimed film *The Mule*, to hosting two sold out evenings for the metro-Detroit premiere of *...As If They Were Angels*, we have been able to offer guests experiences that transcend cinematic boundaries. It is with much excitement that we announce our continued partnership with the Freep Film Festival and join as a partner venue for the second year in a row! The 7th annual Freep Film Festival will take place April 22-26.

A special offer! All Patriot Arts and Culture Society members will receive \$25 off Freep Film Festival passes! Limited passes available. Offer ends April 1. Learn more at [www.warmemorial.org/freep](http://www.warmemorial.org/freep)

The Freep Film Festival is a documentary-focused festival produced by the *Detroit Free Press*, Michigan's largest news organization, in cooperation with Michigan.com. **The five-day festival showcases films with a strong connection to the issues, people, and places in and around Detroit and Michigan.** This year's festival will feature over 70 screenings, parties, and events all across metro-Detroit. Last year, The Patriot Theater was pleased to host a collection of films, including the premier of *Tough Guy: The Bob Probert Story* (a Hockeytown favorite!), as well as festival and fan favorite, *Bathtubs over Broadway*. With five festival days, we can't wait to see you this spring!

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TIME 2pm

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TIME 7:30pm

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# CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

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### CARDIO MAX

Mondays, 6:15-7:15pm  
March 9-April 13  
April 27-June 8

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March 14-April 18  
May 2-June 13

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May 2-June 13

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April 23-June 4

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March 16-June 4

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Saturday, 9:30am-12pm  
April 11

### NEW CLASS

### POUND FITNESS

Tuesdays, 6-7pm  
March 3-April 7  
April 21-May 26

### ADULT AND PEDIATRIC CPR/AED/FIRST AID

Wednesday, 6-9:30pm  
April 1

### SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm  
May 13



## SPORTS AND GAMES

### FENCING SESSIONS

March 2-March 30  
April 20-May 18  
June 1-June 29



### BEGINNER FENCING

Mondays, 7-7:45pm

### INTERMEDIATE FENCING

Mondays, 7:45-8:30pm

### ADULT FENCING

Mondays, 8:30-9:15pm

### BICYCLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Thursday, 7-9pm  
May 7

## MUSIC AND DANCE

### PIANO I: BEGINNING PIANO

Thursdays, 11am-12:30pm  
April 2-May 28

### PIANO II: INTERMEDIATE PIANO

Thursdays, 1-2:30pm  
April 2-May 28

### LATIN CLUB DANCING

Fridays, 6:30-7:30pm  
February 28-April 10  
April 24-May 29

### INTRODUCTION TO SALSA DANCING

Fridays, 7:30-8:30pm  
February 28-April 10  
April 24-May 29

### BEGINNING BALLROOM DANCE

Thursdays, 7-8pm

### WALTZ AND RUMBA

February 27-April 2

### FOXTROT AND SWING

April 23-June 4

## INTERMEDIATE BALLROOM DANCE

Thursdays, 8:15-9:15pm

### TANGO

February 27-April 2

### RUMBA

April 23-June 4

### ADVANCED BALLROOM DANCING

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30pm

### WALTZ AND CHA CHA

March 3-April 7

### TANGO AND SAMBA

April 28-June 9

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

Wednesdays, 7-8pm  
April 8-May 13

### NEW CLASS

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

Wednesdays, 8-9pm  
April 8-May 13

### LINE DANCING

Wednesdays, 6-7pm  
February 26-March 25

## ART, CRAFTS, AND HOBBIES

### WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm  
April 15-June 10

### NEW CLASS

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Friday, 6-10pm  
April 17



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May 2

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### NEW CLASS

### TINKERGARDEN (AGES 6 MO-8 YEARS)

Wednesdays, 10-11:15am  
April 1-May 20

### KID'S COOKING AND BAKING SERIES WITH CHEF PAM (AGES 6-12)

Saturday, 10am-12pm

### EASTER EGG CAKE AND TREATS

April 4

### MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

May 9

### NEW CLASS

### SEWING WITH DANA SERIES

Saturday, 9am-2pm

### HAIRBOWS & HEADBANDS

March 14

### MAKE A PRETTY PARTY DRESS

March 28

## TEEN DRIVER TRAINING

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# MORE INFO

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April 4-May 23

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March 2

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Wednesdays, 7-9pm

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March 25

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April 1

## DAY TRIPS

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

**DEAR EVAN HANSEN AT THE FISHER THEATER**  
Thursday, March 26

**MARY POPPINS AT THE BONSTELLE THEATER**  
Wednesday, April 15

**NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW**  
Thursday, June 18

## SPRING TRADITIONS RETURN

**BUNNY BRUNCH**  
**Sunday, April 5 at 10:30am**  
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**LEARN TO GROW—GROW TO LEARN**  
**FAY HANSEN**  
**Wednesday, March 18**  
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**INVASIVE SPECIES IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION**  
**SCOTT TIEGS**  
**Thursday, April 2**  
How can undesired effects can be ameliorated through ecological restoration?

**THE BRITISH INVASION**  
**MICHAEL MITCHELL**  
**Tuesday, April 21**  
What were the musical and cultural ingredients that gave us so much great new music?

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Fridays, 7-9pm

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

Information and tickets available online! [www.warmemorial.org](http://www.warmemorial.org)

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS SERIES AT THE WAR MEMORIAL



MAR 18

Scholars Series at The War Memorial  
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MAR 19

Dinner and Demo  
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CHEF NATALIA  
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MAR 26

Day Trip  
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AT THE FISHER  
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MAR 26

Tammy's Tastings  
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APR 2

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APR 2

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The War Memorial  
SCOTT TIEGS

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APR 4

OPERA MAN  
AN OPERA FOR  
CHILDREN

APR 5

A War Memorial  
Tradition  
BUNNY BRUNCH



APR 15

Day Trip  
MARY POPPINS  
AT THE BONSTELLE  
THEATER

APR 16

Youth Arts Project  
STRING  
CHAMBER  
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APR 21

Scholars Series at  
The War Memorial  
MICHAEL MITCHELL

FREE EVENT!



APR 22-26

Returning to  
The Patriot Theater  
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Tradition  
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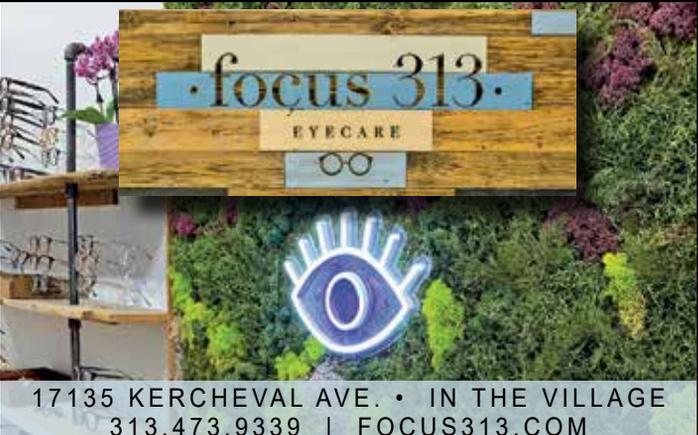
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## Books on the Lake returns May 2

By Margie Reins Smith

Three authors — two from the Detroit area — will speak about their books at the Grosse Pointe Public Library’s annual Books on the Lake luncheon. The event will be held on Saturday, May 2, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Tayari Jones will talk about her fourth novel, *An American Marriage*, which was an Oprah’s Book Club selection in 2018 and the winner of the Women’s Prize for Fiction in 2019. It’s the story of a man unjustly sentenced to prison. It’s also a love story. Jones says the idea for the novel came after she overheard a couple arguing in a mall.

“Celestial and Roy are a regular couple. They have their issues, but who doesn’t? They are married only 18 months, trying to figure out what it means to be married when Roy is arrested for a crime he didn’t commit,” says Jones. “The corruption of the justice system, institutional racism and other societal issues are on full display. But no couple goes to bed at night arguing over statistics. We love, we clash and we heal because of our human connections. *An American Marriage* is my effort to look at both — the structural and the personal — and to come up with strategies for facing the challenges confronting us in both realms.”

The Rev. Faith Fowler, author of *This Far By Faith*, is senior pastor of Cass Community Methodist Church and executive director of Cass Community

Social Services. She says her book is a series of snapshots about people and programs in Detroit.

“It’s loaded with humor and unanswered questions,” she says. “I’ll tell a few stories and answer questions.”

Grosse Pointer JT Mestdagh will discuss his memoir, *Untether*. The book tells how he overcame the limitations of VATER syndrome (a rare group of birth defects that affect the gastrointestinal system and the spine) and severe dyslexia (a learning disorder involving reading, writing and comprehension).

“I want to tell kids with VATER and other life-threatening diseases or learning differences to never give up,” he says. “I’m a motivator, an encourager, a fixer, a can-do kind of guy.”

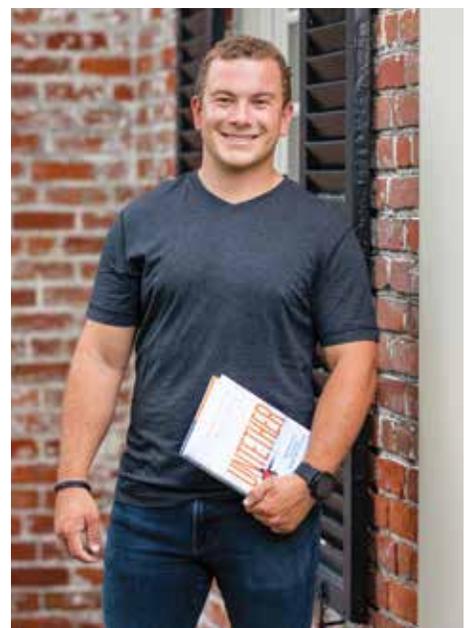
JT has had 16 surgeries — “so far” — he says. “But I have become an extreme snow skier, a mountain climber, a boater, a hunter and a fisherman.” He also has a college degree.

Tickets for the luncheon go on sale at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 28 at Central Library and on the library’s website, [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

Tickets are \$40. In past years, luncheon tickets were sold out within a few hours. [P](#)

**From top; Tayari Jones; Rev. Faith Fowler; JT Mestdagh**

Top photo by Nina Subin; Bottom photo by Kat Stevenson Photography, courtesy of JT Mestdagh



# EASTER LILLY

By Ronald C. Strickler MD MBA MMXIX

Petals pure and white:  
As Eve looked back on God's garden,  
Were you first watered by remorseful tears?  
Bulbs dark and dormant  
Sleep entombed three years to live again:  
Jesus lay three days before God's angel appears.

Petals shaped like Gabriel's trumpet,  
Did His tears of forgiveness awaken you?  
Or did His blood wash away your stone?  
Your white musk fragrance masks death's stench,  
Your trumpet boldly announces Heaven's tell:  
"By this one death, ALL sins are atoned."

Lilly white, Lilly bright, Lilly pure as Easter night  
Trumpet out the absolution note.  
Father forgive them, called Jesus from the cross.  
Lilly white, Lilly bright, Lilly pure as Easter light  
Spread your subtle savor to all mankind:  
Satan's team and hell's perdition, played and lost.

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# Meet Ellison



Name: **Ellison Olson Kidder** Parents: **Kelly & Kyle Kidder**

Birthdate: **October 2, 2017** Siblings: **Noah, 9, and Oliver, 7** City: **Grosse Pointe Park**

Favorite activity: **Peppa Pig, soccer and jumping off couches** First word: **Momma**

Cute fact: **I love telling random people about my trips to Costco with my mom**

## About Ellison

*in Mommy and Daddy's words*

Ellison Olson, as she affectionately calls herself in the third person, is a ray of sunlight. She loves her older brothers and is the perfect final addition to our family. She never ceases to amaze us in her fearlessness to take on the big kid playground, to learn new words and phrases on a daily basis and her uncanny ability to always make us laugh. If you see a 2-½-year-old going head first on the big kid slide, say hello to Ellison.

# Meet Mason

Name: **Mason Philbrick** Age: **7** City: **Grosse Pointe**

Parents: **Andrew & Brittany Philbrick** School: **Maire Elementary**

Siblings: **Adalee, 1**

## Favorites

Game: **Roblox** Outdoor Activity: **Football** Food: **Chicken pot pie** School Subject: **Math**

Vacation: **Nashville, TN** Book: **The Unicorn Rescue Society**

What is your favorite thing about going to school? **Gym and playing with friends** What do you want to be when you grow up? **Football coach like my dad**

What is your favorite thing to do with your family? **Watch movies** Who is your hero and why? **My dad because he's nice and strong.**



## About Mason

"I'm a very active boy that loves to play sports and video games. I have a cute little sister that I like to play with and two fun dogs. I am nice and love to play with anyone that wants to play with me."

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# Meet Justin



<b>Name</b>	Justin Flores
<b>Age</b>	15
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Park
<b>School</b>	Grosse Pointe South
<b>Parents</b>	Alfonso Flores & Helena Wang-Flores
<b>Siblings</b>	Alyssa, 13

## Justin's Favorites

**Musical Artist**

AJR

**TV Show**

*Arrow*

**School Subject**

Photography

**Movie**

*Fast and Furious*

**Actor/Actress**

Paul Walker

**Book**

*Deceived* by Paul Kemp

**Vacation**

Trip to London last year

**Food**

Sushi

**Teacher**

Mr. Szmrecsanyi and Mrs. Plieth

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

“Used to Love” by Martin Garrix and Dean Lewis

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

I detail cars and I would like to learn how to fix cars.

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

1. For people to just be happy
2. To drive/own any car
3. Free the genie

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

I see myself in college at UofM or UCLA.

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

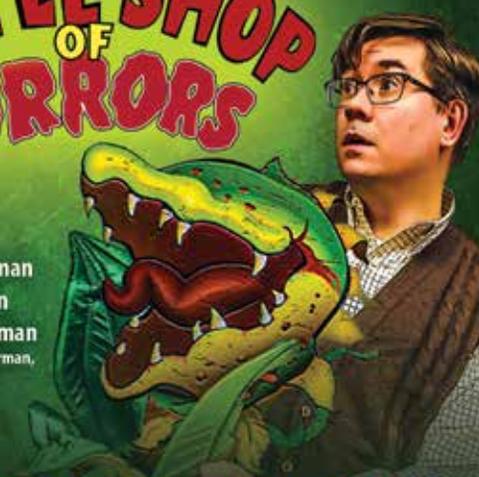
When I was in kindergarten, I would watch NASCAR with my dad and say I wanted to be a race car driver. Now, I want to be an automotive designer or photographer.

## About Justin

“I am a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South, a car detailer and a photographer. In the summer, when I’m not detailing people’s cars, I’m hanging out with my friends or fencing. I also enjoy photography and music. I especially enjoy taking photos of cars and one of my favorite cars would be the 1985 Corvette that my dad and I are restoring.”

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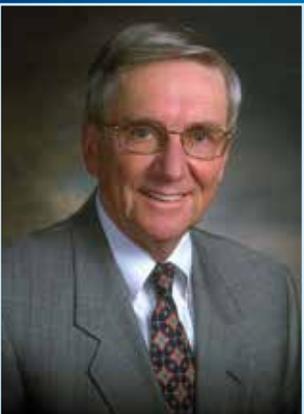
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# Jaye Hill uses faith and love to motivate others

By Anne Erickson

Jaye Hill regularly brings hope and joy to people all over the country as a motivational speaker, but there was a time when he was the one in need.

Growing up in Pittsburgh, Pa., Hill faced early hardships in his life, and he says a lot of anger and bad decisions stemmed from that.

“My previous life was just about me, and I was self-pleasing and selfish and a manipulator and angry on the inside because of incidents that happened when I was younger,” Hill says.

Hill was led to Christ through a local pastor, and his life turned around. Today, Hill — who attends Grace Community Church on Moross in Detroit — uses his faith and turnaround experience to motivate others to believe in themselves and move ahead in life.

“I wouldn’t even be living without Jesus,” Hill says. “We are people who believe, and we instill those principles to love people where they are, no matter what they decide to do, just to love them the way they are. That’s why I have the patience that I have working with kids who are broken. There is brokenness everywhere, not just in the bad neighborhoods, and it’s about that love.”

Hill — whose children attend Grosse

Pointe North High School, Parcels Middle School and Defer Elementary School — has given motivational speeches at churches, businesses, non-profit organizations, schools (including Poupard Elementary and Parcels Middle School) and universities. He has even given talks to the Cincinnati Bengals.

Speaking to the Bengals was a special thrill.

“I did a chapel for half the team and talked about Jesus and how they need to run their race on the field and off the field, and also the importance of the image they need to express, because they’re on TV and role models,” Hill says.

Hill, who also works with his wife, Erica, to help children, says motivating others is about being a good listener and wanting to help.

“It’s beyond motivating people,” Hill says. “It’s reaching their hearts and

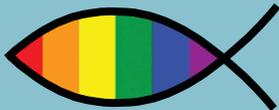
them tapping into why they feel the way they feel. They begin to tell their story, because you have two ears to listen and one mouth to speak.

“It’s about taking the time to listen. To stop responding and trying to solve their issues,” he adds. “Sometimes, people just need someone to talk to, and if you guide them and build that relationship, they’ll listen to the wisdom you give.”

If you’re interested in learning more about Jaye Hill or booking for an upcoming event, contact him at [www.jayehill.com](http://www.jayehill.com). [Φ](#)

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# Be the Beacon!

## GPFPE annual gala brings community together

By Anne Erickson

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (GPFPE) gala is an annual event that brings together individuals from across the community for an evening of fun and fundraising.

The gala is the main fundraising event for GPFPE, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing private funding to enhance academic and enrichment programs for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

“We’re always looking for successful programs that will impact the most students in a meaningful way,” says Beth Moran, who is co-chairing this year’s gala along with Kris Vande Vusse.

This year’s event, “Be the Beacon,” is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Last year’s event raised roughly \$150,000 through ticket sales, corporate sponsorship, a raffle and a live auction.

“The gala committee is so much fun, and we have a great time coming up with all these ideas to make the gala different each year,” Moran says.

Funds raised from this year’s gala will go toward programs, equipment, training and opportunities for the students and staff of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, as well as the highly acclaimed Leader in Me program that the GPFPE funds.

“Being a member of the GPFPE, I can be part of a community that helps enhance our school system,” Moran says. “We fund programs that help each student realize his or her full potential.”

This year’s gala will honor JT Mestdagh, 24, of Grosse Pointe.

“JT was born with a severe physical disability and had a learning disability,

in that he’s dyslexic,” Moran says. “His parents discovered the F.A.S.T. reading program in Denver, and because of his hard work and dedication, he has made great progress and has been able to learn to read. He has also written a book!”

Mestdagh’s book is the recently released *Untether*.

“He was very excited about being able to read and overcome his disability,” she adds. “Because of his success, we brought the F.A.S.T. reading program to Grosse Pointe and have more than 185 staff and 4,000 students trained in Grosse Pointe Public Schools.”

For the first time this year, the event will feature a special Afterglow after the main activities, which kicks off at 9 p.m. with a more affordable ticket price. The Afterglow will have principals from across the district taking to the DJ booth to spin dance music until midnight.

Moran loves being involved with the gala because she believes in the service GPFPE provides.

“I grew up going to Grosse Pointe schools, and I taught in the school system for 12 years,” she says. “I think the Grosse Pointe schools have such great camaraderie between the staff and the way they put the kids first. We’ve been able to fund such unique programs through the GPFPE.

“The schools offer such wonderful support,” she adds, “and the parents in Grosse Pointe have a great interest in their children, which makes the school system run beautifully.”

To learn more about the GPFPE, purchase tickets to the gala or donate, visit [gpfpe.org](http://gpfpe.org) or call (313) 342-3058. ♻️



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# New rules

By Jon B. Gandelot

On Jan. 1, the “Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement” (SECURE) Act became effective. The SECURE Act changed many of the retirement plan rules affecting IRAs, 401(k), 403(b) and other retirement plans. Among the changes:

■ The age limit in which a participant must begin withdrawing funds from the plan is increased from age 70 1/2 to age 72. This change recognized



that many individuals are working (and living) longer and do not wish to begin taking distributions from their retirement, fearing that they might run out of funds in the future.

■ The age limit for contributions to IRAs has been eliminated.

■ Inherited retirement plan account distributions must now be paid out within 10 years of the death of the participant. This is a major change. Prior to the act, non-spousal inheritors of a retirement plan were generally able to “stretch” the required distributions of an inherited plan over the inheritor’s actuarial life expectancy. The former rules allowed for the potential increase in the value of an inherited IRA over time by only taking the minimum required distributions over the life of the beneficiary. When an IRA lists a spouse as the beneficiary, the surviving spouse can still “roll over” the deceased spouse’s retirement plan to the survivor’s own IRA and the Required Minimum Distributions are based on the survivor’s life expectancy.

It is wise to check with your financial adviser and your attorney for advice on how best to take advantage of the Act.

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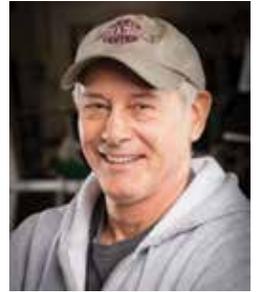
# Google it

By Ken Welch

What's worse than not working out? I'd say, not learning about it.

The information about exercise, training and living a healthier lifestyle is so easily available to us and is as simple as typing in your Google search something like, "Why is it hard to lose weight?" or "Why do I hate to exercise?"

On the positive side, if you have a thirst for wanting to know more about your training and different workouts, you might pull up on YouTube, "latest trends in weight lifting." For many it might be, "Why do I find the idea of fitness overwhelming?"



As most people know, there is nothing, no situation, feeling or curiosity that you can't Google and get an answer to. A lot of answers.

For example, when I searched, "Is it harder to lose weight in February?" an article was found on *alternativedaily.com* — "Why is it hard to lose weight in the winter?" It seems certain biological factors contribute to the struggle to keep winter pounds from piling on. One of these is an increase in melatonin, the hormone that signals your body that it is time to sleep, and is triggered by darkness. Since winter means less hours of daylight, melatonin levels tend to increase. This hormone acts on appetite. Because melatonin can hormonally affect your appetite, it may trigger some people to eat more. Couple that with less winter activity, age and a slower metabolism. You now have a better understanding and are therefore able to make a better plan to fix it.

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# Think spring ... and acne

By Dr. Meredith Price

Spring is coming soon, and with that come all the fun events that accompany the spring and early summer seasons.

For families with kids in high school or junior high, this can mean some landmark events and achievements, such as prom and other dances, along with graduation.

This is also the time when acne can flare due to hormones, and the stress of taking exams and applying for college.



It is important to note, however, that although acne is thought of as an adolescent or teenage condition, it can continue to affect people into and throughout adulthood as well.

Many of us have a spring and summer schedule full of fun events, such as weddings, graduations or work-related events, and we all want to put our best face forward.

If over-the-counter products are not enough to improve your acne, it's time to see a dermatologist. An assessment by a board-certified dermatologist will lead to an anti-acne routine custom tailored to your specific needs.

The most important thing about acne treatment is to start early, with plenty of lead time before your event. There are various highly effective treatments, but the one thing they have in common is that they take time and consistent use to work.

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LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER

By Joyce Wiswell



Exclusive excursions, VIP-access events, fine jewelry and “fun surprises” are among the treats promised by the co-chairs of Auction Action 2020, the annual fundraiser for The Grosse Pointe Academy.

Alicia and Martin A. Krall and Andrea Soave Provenzano and Christopher F. Provenzano are the co-chairs for one of the Pointes’ oldest fundraisers.

The festivities kick off on Wednesday, May 6, with a silent auction and cocktail party. The Saturday, May 9 event includes a sit-down dinner, live auction and after-party with dancing and DJ Jared Sykes.

“Wednesday is a casual, snappy cocktail event,” says Soave Provenzano. “Saturday is the more formal evening and it’s such a fun live auction.” Both take place in the school’s Tracy Fieldhouse.

The theme, “Let the Good Times Roll — Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler,” celebrates The Academy’s 50th anniversary. The independent school receives no local, state or federal funding, and tuition covers only a portion of its operating costs. Action Auction has contributed more than \$16 million towards bridging that gap.

“We have had wonderful community support for The Academy for decades now,” says Krall.

This year’s honorary chair is Anthony L. Soave, who sent his two daughters (including Soave Provenzano) to the school; his five grandchildren are all currently enrolled.

The co-chairs are keeping auction items close to the vest, but say to expect top-drawer offerings like exclusive access to events at New York Fashion Week, VIP packages to high-profile sporting events, travel packages and local outings that tie into Detroit’s renaissance.

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Planning has been underway since August and it’s a giant effort.

“We work together as a community to make this happen,” says Soave Provenzano, “and that’s the beautiful thing about our school — we really are a family.”

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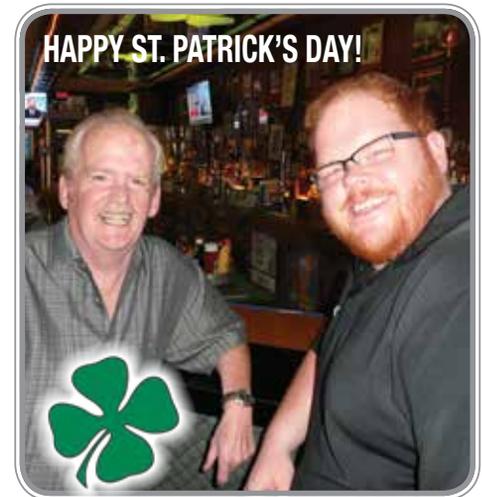
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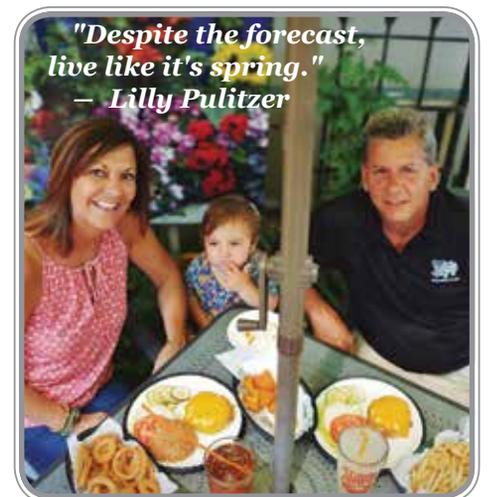
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**Web: www.luxebarandgrill.com**



# DINING GUIDE

## Mack Avenue Grille

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

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

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



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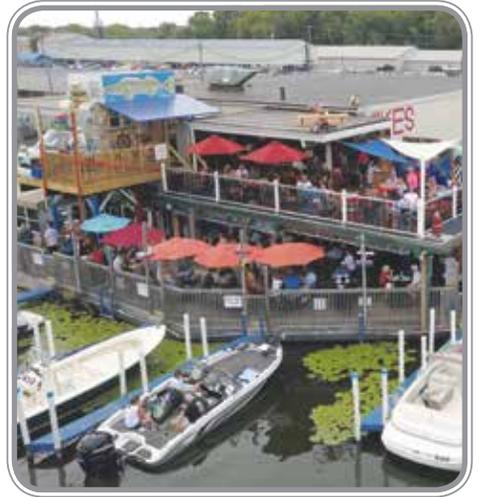
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**BE SURE TO STOP BY, WELCOME MIKE BACK AND SEE WHAT SURPRISES HE HAS IN STORE FOR HIS 10TH SEASON IN OPERATION!**

Kitchen Hours: Tues-Thur 11:30am-9pm; Fri-Sat 11:30am-10pm; Sun noon-9pm

Bar Hours: Tues-Sat 11:30am-close; Sun noon-close; Closed Mondays

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



## Pepperoni Grille

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

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

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## Shores Inn

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

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**Tuesday** - 1/2 off pizza! \$3 Boombas 10 p.m.-close

**Wednesday** - All you can eat Perch \$12.99, 4-9 p.m. **Ladies Night featuring a Designer Purse raffle!**

**Thursday** - Fajita Frenzy \$11.99; Rib Riot (1/2 slab with fries) \$11.99

**Sunday** - Prime Rib \$15.99

**All Day, Everyday** - Craft Beer of the Month, \$3.75/pint; Domestic Draft Feature, \$2.75/pint; \$3.50 Shot Specials

Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-2am; Sun Noon-2am

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



## SideStreet: A Finer Diner

630 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe • (313) 884-6810

Cead Míle Fáilte! In Gaelic that means "A Hundred Thousand Welcome!" Cousins Sheila Taylor and Meghan Josefosky and their crew welcome you to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the SideStreet Diner the whole month of March! They will have traditional Irish Fare on the menu! Traditional favorites like their boiled Corned beef and Cabbage Dinner, Irish Sausage, Shepherds Pie, Irish Stew, Scottish Meat Pies, Lamb Shank with Rutabaga Mash, Colcannon, Irish Nachos, Oh Danny Boy Nachos, and an Irish Grilled Cheese Sandwich. Specialty soups for the month will be Beer Cheddar soup and Potato Leek. Wash it all down with a good old Guinness or Smithwicks! Make sure to save room for a slice of Chocolate Guinness Cake! The diner will be decorated for St. Patrick's Day and they will be streaming Charlie Taylor music for the month of March. Shamrocks and shenanigans, cold beer and fine wine! Join in on the festivities all month long! Pick up sweet treats at Sweet Little Sheila too! They will have fun desserts with an Irish theme available or order ahead. SideStreet Diner is open Monday - Saturday 7am-8pm and Sunday 7am-3pm. Like us on Facebook and keep up with what is happening at the diner. Slainte!

Hours: Mon.-Sat. 7 am- 8 pm; Sun. 8 am- 3 pm

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



## Sierra Station La Cantina — Celebrating 40+ Years!

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

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Dinner: Open daily at 5pm

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



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## Telly's Place

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

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**Hours:** Daily 11am-Close

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



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**The Taste** Nov. 23 @ Our Lady Star of the Sea School

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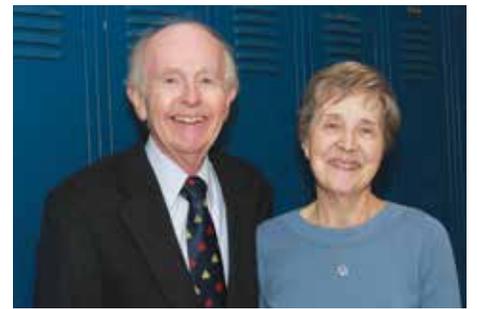
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**Commodore's Ball** Dec. 7 @ Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

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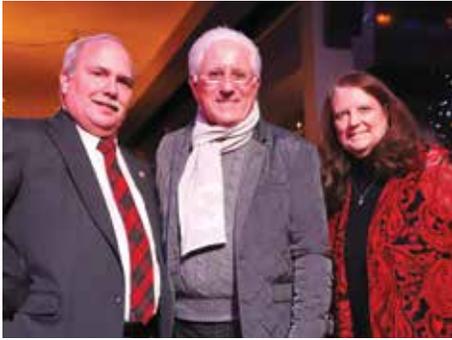


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# pets

*Molly welcomes your hi-res Pointe Pets pictures at [Lauren@grossepointemagazine.com](mailto:Lauren@grossepointemagazine.com).*



### Zoe

Zoe Etsios is a 16-year-old Shitzu Bichon who loves to relax in front of the fireplace and play outside in her backyard! She lives in Grosse Pointe Farms with the Etsios family.



### Bessie

Bessie, a rescue from the Michigan Humane Society, was 10 years old and very shy when she came home with George and Julie Sutton five years ago. After a few weeks, she began to settle in and this photo captures her changed demeanor.



### Hans

Hans, A.K.A. “Mr. Fluff,” is 1 year old. He lives in Grosse Pointe Farms and loves playing with his friends at the Farms dog park!



### Avani & Aiden

Avani, 11, left, and Aiden, 5, right, were adopted from the Michigan Humane Society. Aiden loves fetch — and Avani loves yapping and chasing after Aiden when they’re playing fetch! Then, it’s naptime with Mom ... ruff life!



### Tibbs

Tibbs is 12 years old and loving life in the Pointes.



### Izzy & Charlie

Both of these beauties were lost or abandoned — the Calico, Izzy, at 1 week old and Charlie at 6 months. They adopted their parents and just love to cuddle in their new home in Grosse Pointe.

# Leptospirosis

By Dr. Elizabeth Doppke

It's that time of year again when we like to remind dog owners about a zoonotic disease called leptospirosis.

Leptospirosis, commonly known as "lepto," is a bacterium which can be found in water and wet soil contaminated with the urine of critters scurrying through our yards. The most likely source of infection comes from skunks, opossums and rats.



The bacteria can then enter the body through the mucous membranes in the mouth, eyes and nose and through water-softened skin. Lepto can spread to humans as well; although most human cases do not result from direct animal contact but from aquatic recreational activities.

The leptospirosis bacterium affects the liver and kidneys of dogs and oftentimes will result in very serious illness. The most common signs of infection include fever, anorexia, vomiting and jaundice (yellowing) of the skin. In the early stages of the disease, it can be difficult to diagnose, but if caught early supportive care and antibiotics can be used to successfully treat the infection.

Prevention is key in dealing with leptospirosis. Safely controlling the rodent population in your area and limiting exposure to standing water, especially in times of increased rainfall, is helpful in prevention. Vaccinating your dog annually is very important as well and is generally recommended during your dog's annual wellness visit.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your pet's health, be sure to consult with your veterinarian.

*Dr. Doppke is a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University whose special interests include ultrasound and internal medicine. She joined the veterinary staff of Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in 2005.*

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# March

# Calendar

## 11 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center presents Play Central in Barnes School gym, every Monday and Wednesday through April 29, weekly drop-in play program that allows children to enjoy a wide variety of toys and games to enhance motor skills, participate in music and movement, arts and crafts and circle time, while parents and caregivers have an opportunity to socialize, 9-11 a.m.

## 14 SATURDAY

- GPPL Friends Books, Bags and Bagels at Woods Branch, sale of handbags with proceeds to benefit the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## 17 TUESDAY - St. Patrick's Day

## 20 FRIDAY

- GPPL Storytime with State Representative Tenisha Yancey at Woods Branch, for children to celebrate 'March is Reading Month', all are welcome, 9:30-10 a.m.

## 21 SATURDAY

- All-Pointes Daddy Daughter Dance at Grosse Pointe South High School, semi-formal event for girls 12 and under, includes single stem rose, appetizers, refreshments and dancing, \$10 per person, registration closes March 13, dance runs 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## 24 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours networking event at Norma G's Caribbean Cuisine, 5:30-7 p.m.

## 25 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe South ArtFest in South multi-purpose room through March 28

## 27 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents *Little Shop of Horrors* at Pierce Auditorium, tickets at [gpt.org](http://gpt.org), 8 p.m.

## 28 SATURDAY

- GPPL Community Baby Shower at Woods Branch, socialize with other expectant and new parents, learn about the library and reading to your baby and pick up your "Born to Read" swag bag, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents *Little Shop of Horrors* at Pierce Auditorium, tickets at [gpt.org](http://gpt.org), 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

## 29 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents *Little Shop of Horrors* at Pierce Auditorium, tickets at [gpt.org](http://gpt.org), 2 p.m.

# LIGHT IT UP BLUE!



A COMMUNITY INITIATIVE TO RAISE AWARENESS OF AUTISM

April is Autism Awareness Month. This year, The Family Center will be participating in the Light It Up Blue campaign for autism awareness. April 2 is Global Autism Awareness Day, when iconic landmarks all over the world are lit blue in recognition of people living with autism. The event increases understanding, acceptance and support.

The Family Center will bring the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities together to Light It Up Blue, not only in support of our citizens with autism and their families, but to shine a light on bullying as well. 65% of school age children on the autism spectrum experience bullying. Programs on managing autism and educating others, to help reduce bullying, will be offered throughout April.

*A grand tree lighting ceremony will take place on April 2 at 7 p.m. in The Village, at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair. Everyone is welcome! Visit [FamilyCenterWeb.org](http://FamilyCenterWeb.org) for more details.*

## 02 THURSDAY

- Light It Up Blue Tree Lighting Event with The Family Center to raise awareness for autism, tree lighting in The Village, 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents *Little Shop of Horrors* at Pierce Auditorium, tickets at [gpt.org](http://gpt.org), 7:30 p.m.

## 03 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents *Little Shop of Horrors* at Pierce Auditorium, tickets at [gpt.org](http://gpt.org), 8 p.m.

## 04 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Park Marshmallow Drop at Patterson Park, children 10 years and under, collection bags will be provided as the children arrive; after the drop, children will exchange their marshmallow filled bags for goodie bags at the overhang near the splash pad; each drop will have five Golden Eggs redeemable for a special prize; the Easter Bunny will also be on hand for pictures along with costumed characters and pony cart rides; tickets are \$10 per child, available through April 3 at the Lavins Activity Center, drop times are 12 p.m. for ages 1-5 and 12:30 p.m. for ages 6-10
- Grosse Pointe Woods Easter Egg Stroll, details at [gpwmi.us](http://gpwmi.us)
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents *Little Shop of Horrors* at Pierce Auditorium, tickets at [gpt.org](http://gpt.org), 8 p.m.

## 05 SUNDAY

- Bunny Brunch at The War

Memorial, surprise your little one with a visit from the Easter Bunny while you enjoy a delicious Sunday morning brunch with your family, bring your camera for a bunny photo with your child, an egg hunt follows on the back lawn, so bring your basket, entire group must purchase tickets together, available for groups of two through ten, tickets available through March 30 at [warmemorial.org/eat/bunnybrunch2020](http://warmemorial.org/eat/bunnybrunch2020), event runs 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents *Little Shop of Horrors* at Pierce Auditorium, tickets at [gpt.org](http://gpt.org), 2 p.m.

## 07 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours networking event at The Grosse Pointe Academy, 5:30-7 p.m.

## 12 SUNDAY - Easter

- Grosse Pointe Farms Easter Egg Hunt at Pier Park, 10 a.m.

## 18 SATURDAY

- Be the Beacon! Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education annual gala at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, visit [gpfpe.org](http://gpfpe.org) or call (313) 342-3058 for tickets and details

## 22 WEDNESDAY - Earth Day

- Freep Film Festival at The War Memorial's Patriot Theater, through April 26, check [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org) for details

## 23 THURSDAY

- Tau Beta Association's 17th annual Spring Market at the Grosse Pointe Club, through April 25, visit [www.facebook.com/tbspringmarket](http://www.facebook.com/tbspringmarket) or [www.taubeta.org](http://www.taubeta.org) (click on Spring Market) for market information

## 26 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week by Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce kicks off! Check [grossepointechamber.com](http://grossepointechamber.com) in April for list of participating restaurants and menus

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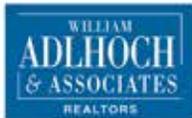
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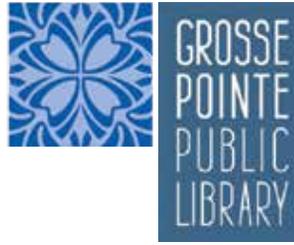
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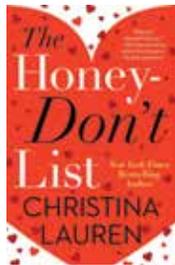
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# Peggy's Picks



By Peggy Kitchel  
Assistant Director, Grosse Pointe Public Library

Oh, the joys of Spring. The simple pleasure of the sound of birds singing in the trees and the bright yellow of daffodils on the side of the road brighten our days. Spring is the gardening season. It brings a sense of calm and an appreciation of new beginnings. Renew, refresh, read.

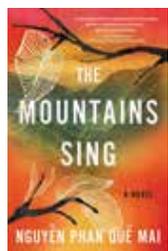


## **The Honey-Don't List**

By Christina Lauren

Design experts Melissa and Rusty Tripp are destined for super stardom if they can get along. While on book tour with the

couple, Carey and James fight to keep their high profile bosses' relationship from falling apart. But as the two attempt to keep one couple together, they find comfort in each other. They just may have a chance to build a lasting relationship of their own.



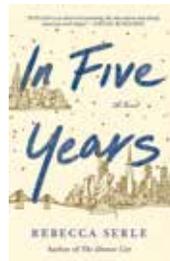
## **The Mountains Sing**

By Nguyen Phan Que Mai

This is a multigenerational tale of the Tran family, set against the backdrop of the Vietnam War.

Tran Dieu Lan, was forced to flee her family farm with her six children during the Land Reform as the communist government rose in the North. Years later in Hà Noi, her granddaughter, comes of age as her

parents and uncles head off down the Ho Chi Minh Trail to fight in a conflict that tore not just her beloved country, but her family, apart.



## **In Five Years**

By Rebecca Serle

Dannie has a great new job and has accepted a marriage proposal. She goes to sleep knowing she is right on track to achieve her five-year

plan. But she dreams that in five years she is in a different apartment beside a different man. When Dannie wakes, she is determined to ignore the odd dream.

That is, until four and a half years later, when by chance she meets the very same man from her long-ago vision.

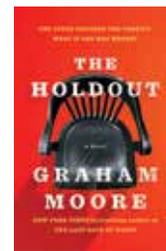


## **Such a Fun Age**

By Kiley Reid

Emira is accused of kidnapping by a security guard who doesn't believe that she, a black woman holding a white toddler, is babysitting.

Horrified on Emira's behalf, the toddler's mom, Alix, a social media influencer, offers help where it isn't wanted. Then a video of the incident goes viral and someone from Alix's past suddenly reappears. Both women find themselves on a crash course that will upend everything.



## **The Holdout**

By Graham Moore

In a controversial case involving the disappearance of a young heiress, Maya persuades the jurors to return the verdict of not guilty. Ten

years later, a true-crime docuseries reassembles the jury, focusing the lens on Maya. Then one of the jurors is found dead in Maya's hotel room. Now, she must prove her own innocence.

The proof may be hidden in the story of what really happened during their deliberation, and the secrets they have all been keeping.



## **The Authenticity Project**

By Clare Pooley

Julian believes that most people are less than honest with each other. He has an idea he calls The

Authenticity Project.

He writes the truth about his own life in a plain, green journal and leaves it in his local café. The owner, Monica, adds her own entry and leaves the book in the wine bar across the street. Others find the green notebook and add their stories. Then they meet "In Real Life" at Monica's Café where they discover friendship and even unexpected love. ☐

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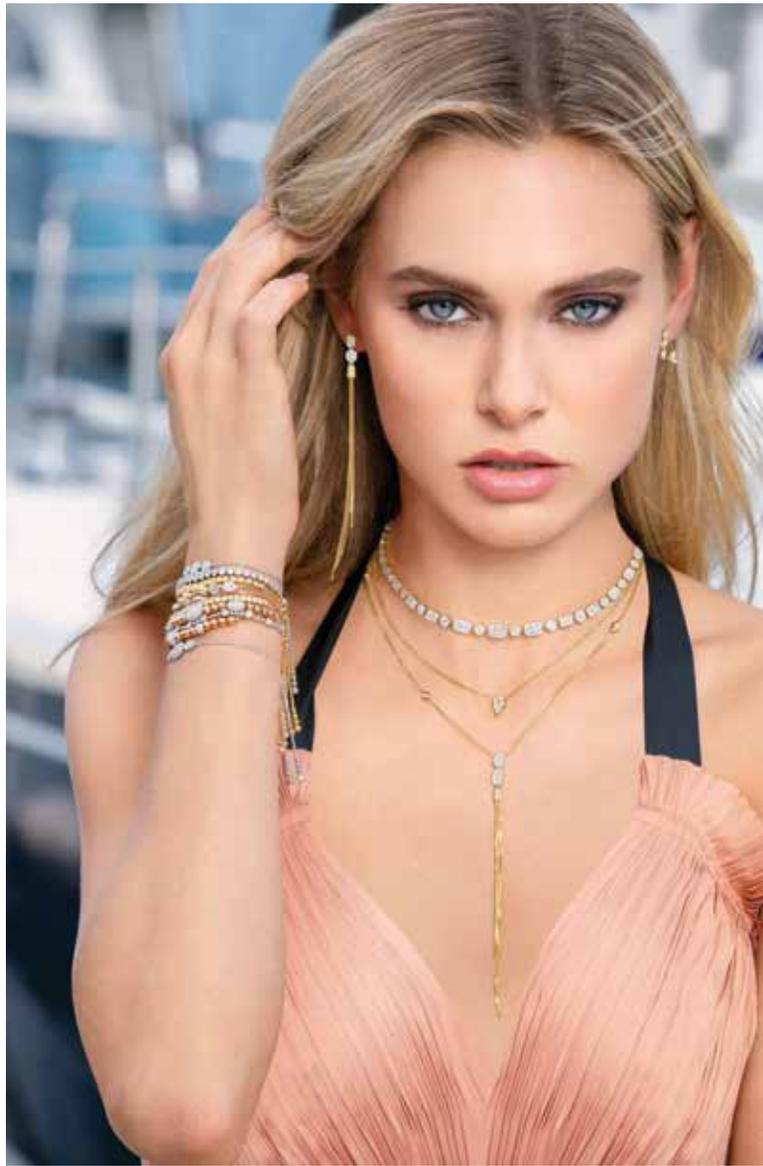
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