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On the cover



Our cover photo was taken at the entrance of Ford House's Rose Garden in October 2019 by Lauren McGregor and features her son, Graham. This year, Ford House is offering several outdoor tours, including educational ones for children learning at home.

Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this object? On Monday, Sept. 21, 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 a local restaurant. Participants **MUST** wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck! (Last issue: Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.)

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Lauren McGregor
Editor

Inspiration found in a pandemic

Normally for the September-October issue of *Pointe Magazine*, I would be writing and getting excited about our upcoming three-week vacation at the Marriott's Grande Vista Resort in Orlando. We've been making this trip every year for more than a decade, maybe two. But probably not this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We called the resort. The restaurants are open for take-out only. The pools are open but with socially distanced chairs, tables and umbrellas. Guests are required to wear masks when outside their rooms, in the lobby, at the bars or Marketplace store. Like at restaurants, masks can be removed when the family group is safely seated in a socially distanced location, such as at the table by the pool where we normally take our lunch. Not sure how masks in the pool will work out. Golf as a single would be fine with me.

It is hard to make the call. Should we go or should we stay? Problem is Florida's not doing so well on the COVID scale. Michigan is all-but cured compared to the Sunshine State. Also, schools will have already been in full swing for several weeks by the time we get to Orlando. And teens work — guess where? — in restaurants that prepare take-out food!

We usually add a handful of days on each end of our Orlando stay with visits to The Villages, probably the world's largest senior community up the Florida Turnpike from Orlando. Sure, they closed down the nightly live entertainment in the town squares, which we really look forward to, but we understand the mature residents there are bringing their own boom boxes to the squares and line-dancing the night away anyway — many revelers not wearing masks. So we're not sure a stop at "America's Friendliest Hometown" would be a good idea.

Lastly, I would usually end this column — after encouraging all our readers to patronize our many loyal advertisers and businesses, without whom this magazine would not be possible — by saying, "See you around the Pointe when we get back!" During the pandemic, though, I may not see you at all — even if we stay home! Looking forward to getting back to normal! ☺

John

From start to finish, production on the September-October issue has provided abundant inspiration. In otherwise dark times, I've been blinded by the light of these creators: one of music, one of photography, others of gardening and community.

My first assignment was on rock legend Suzi Quatro and the newly released documentary about her life, *Suzi Q*. When I emailed her publicist to (hopefully) arrange an interview, I heard from Suzi Quatro herself. She responded to the request with an emphatic yes — "as a Grosse Pointe girl through and through."

What followed was a stirring hour-long video chat, where from her garden in England, Suzi managed to call to arms the artist in me. She shared in personal anecdotes creativity's force in her life and the authenticity found in it. A shining example of how the greatest thing you can give the world is your unapologetic self.

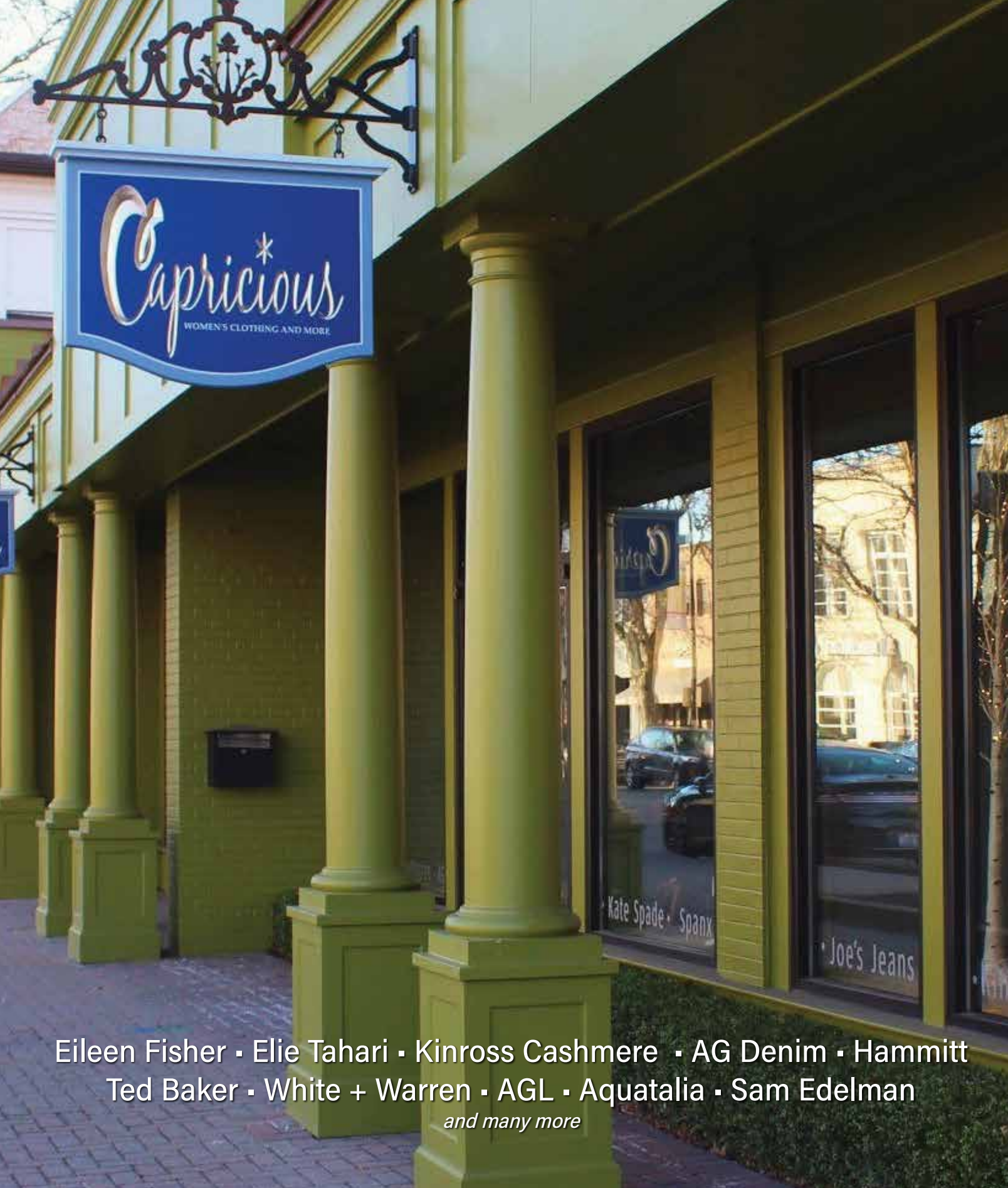
I wholeheartedly recommend the documentary, in which Suzi pays homage to Grosse Pointe and Detroit. Along with a detailed account of her life, music, acting and books, the film explores the ways in which being true to herself gave others permission to do the same.

Shortly after speaking to Suzi, I interviewed documentary photographer Amy Sacka, whose sole mission — to create a life of meaning — brought her to the fullest and happiest she has ever been at (nearly) 45. Her path was a winding one, the journey and her landing place both unexpected. The celebration of Detroit and the Midwest in her photography would make anyone grateful to call this place home. The unconventional way in which she found contentment is worthy of a book.

Then there was Rachele Koester and her Certified Wildlife Habitat. And Pointe Senior Marty Peters and his ability to craft meaningful, diverse community gatherings (more on that in an upcoming issue!). In a time that feels like the Great Pause, I have been spoiled with stories of boundless creativity.

My cup now overflowing, I look forward to a few days' lull — and whatever artistic inclinations they may bring. I hope you find the same. ☺

Lauren

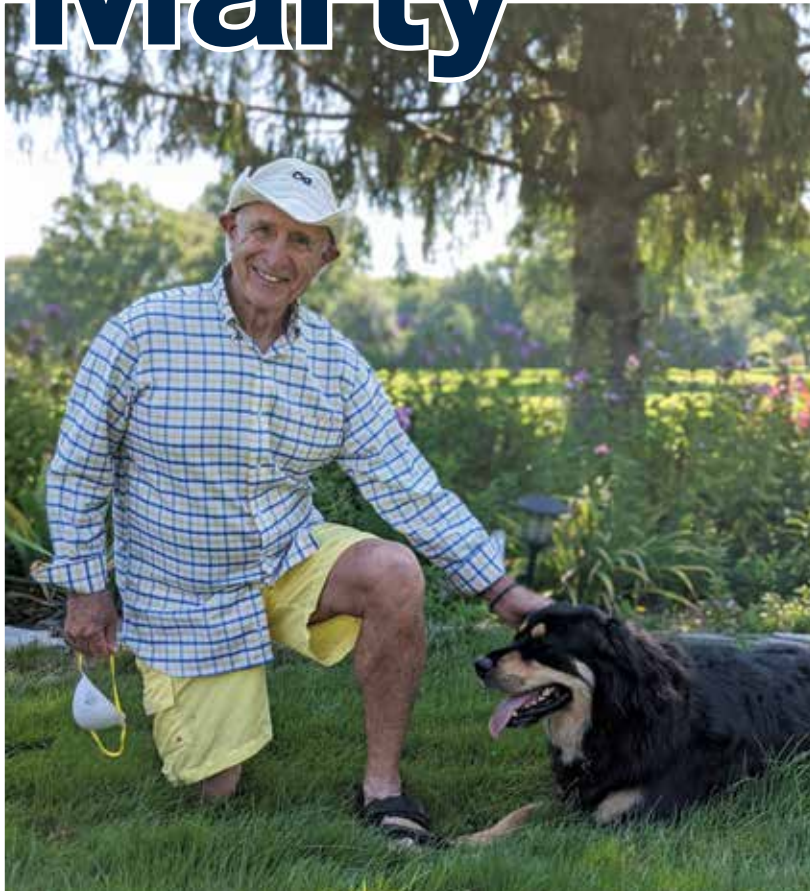


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Name	Marty Peters
Age	79
City	Grosse Pointe Farms
Occupation before retirement	Computer control of factories

Marty's Favorites

Season

Fall

Movie

The Mission

Food

Anything someone makes for me

Restaurant

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Vacation

Too many to choose. If you have a month, go to the Esalen Institute in Big Sur, Calif. If you have only a week, go to Burning Man.

Musical Artist

Rodriguez

Dessert

Ice cream

What was your first job?

Delivering The Grosse Pointe Review newspaper (a weekly paper in Grosse Pointe in 1950-51)

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

Fireman, then oceanographer, eventually electrical engineer

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

By myself and with my wife, there have been too many great ones to choose a winner. The most life-changing would be "A People-to-People Diplomacy" tour in China in 1996.

Are you a collector of anything?

I'm collecting experiences and attempting to record much in genealogy and digitized photo libraries.

What accomplishment makes you proudest?

Hard to rate them: raising admirable children, creating a successful business, having many friends, helping people, doing most of the construction and maintenance on our home, for some.

Words to live by?

1. Think for yourself.
2. Act for others.
3. Leave it better than you found it.
4. Make new stories.

About Marty

Marty shares his Grosse Pointe Farms home with wife Kathy Walsh. He's the father of Christina, Charles, Craig, Carolyn and Clark and stepfather to Stephen and Nicole. In his free time, he enjoys travel, tennis, badminton, volleyball, gardening, hosting community building gatherings, giving city tours and volunteering.

"I'm living life as fully as I can. I've lived in Grosse Pointe most of my life with fond memories, but I believe it is better now than ever," he says. "I love having a long-time home as my roots coupled with travel to meet people and experience cultures. My plan is to live fully to 120 years. So far, it's working."

Photo by Lauren McGregor

Cooler weather, welcome change

By Jonathan Boos

Although high temperatures and bright sun are *always* welcomed in Michigan, the end of summer (and beginning of fall) might be the best time of year in our great state. This opinion is especially popular in the senior community.



Since COVID-19 remains a concern, many fall activities will be impacted this year. You may not be able to gather or participate in activities with larger groups. However, the following activities are perfect for anyone looking to take advantage of the fall, while continuing to stay safe and socially distance.

Apple picking: People young and old have always enjoyed the fall tradition of apple picking. It can also be done at your own leisure which is a benefit to seniors.

Scenic drives: September and October in Michigan are the best times to view beautiful foliage. Don't forget to stop along the way to collect leaves to take back home ... they make fantastic autumn decorations.

Seasonal foods: Some would argue the best thing about fall is the food. Hot apple cider, spiced pumpkin lattes, warm apple pie and spicy chili are just a few of everyone's fall favorites.

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By Joyce Wiswell

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“We have been thinking through everything and saying, ‘how can we do it in a better way?’” says executive director Peggy Hayes. “We are being super careful and super safe about everything we do.”

That means exercise classes are limited to 10 participants to allow for social distancing and are held outdoors when the weather permits. Everything is sterilized before and after each activity, and all participants have their temperature checked and are asked to wear masks. Registration is required for each program and drop-ins are not allowed.

Because it is considered an essential service, The Helm never closed to its staff of 14 people, about half of whom are part-time. But the pandemic meant nearly everything had to be altered, and most of the 400 regular volunteers were furloughed.

Instead of deliveries of fresh food each weekday, Meals on Wheels were delivered once a week in a package of five frozen meals. The popular congregate lunches that formerly enabled members to sit and socialize became strictly carry-out affairs, a



change so well-received that the amount of meals served doubled to 50-55 lunches a day. “Our guests told us they were so happy to get this meal so they didn’t have to grocery shop,” Hayes says.

Because The Helm is a lifeline for many of the seniors of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, the staff was sure to reach out via telephone to ensure everyone was faring well.

“People like that personal touch,” Hayes says. “One way or another, we served a few thousand people every month.”

That included one-on-one phone sessions rather than the usual large gathering for Medicare counseling; hundreds of calls that offered assistance and referrals; and transportation via Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services (PAATS) for things like doctor appointments.

The facility also managed to hold a couple informal socially distanced parties (open to the first 24 to register) on its two patios.

“People told us they were so grateful that we are letting them come back, and that they have missed this so much,” Hayes says.

The facility has boosted its website (HelmLife.org) with expanded activities and a plethora of fun links sure to cheer the lonely and bored, including virtual museum tours, symphonic performances and the live penguin and otter cams at the Detroit Zoo. Seminars on everything from dealing with stress to elder law are being offered via Zoom.

Hayes encourages residents to check the website continually and also sign up for the virtual newsletter, which is emailed every other month. For more information, call (313) 882-9600. [P](#)

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SUZI QUATRO

returns to Grosse Pointe in acclaimed documentary

By Lauren McGregor

Suzi Quatro answers the phone, just emerged from nine hours recording new music in her home studio in England. On June 3, she turned 70 and has shown zero signs of slowing down.

In fact, she says she has spent the quarantine completing a new album and writing a movie script. She's hot off what she deems the "highest point" of her life — the successful release of her album, *No Control*, and her documentary, *Suzi Q*, which was set to debut at the Freep Film Festival this April. Due to the pandemic, it was instead released digitally this summer.

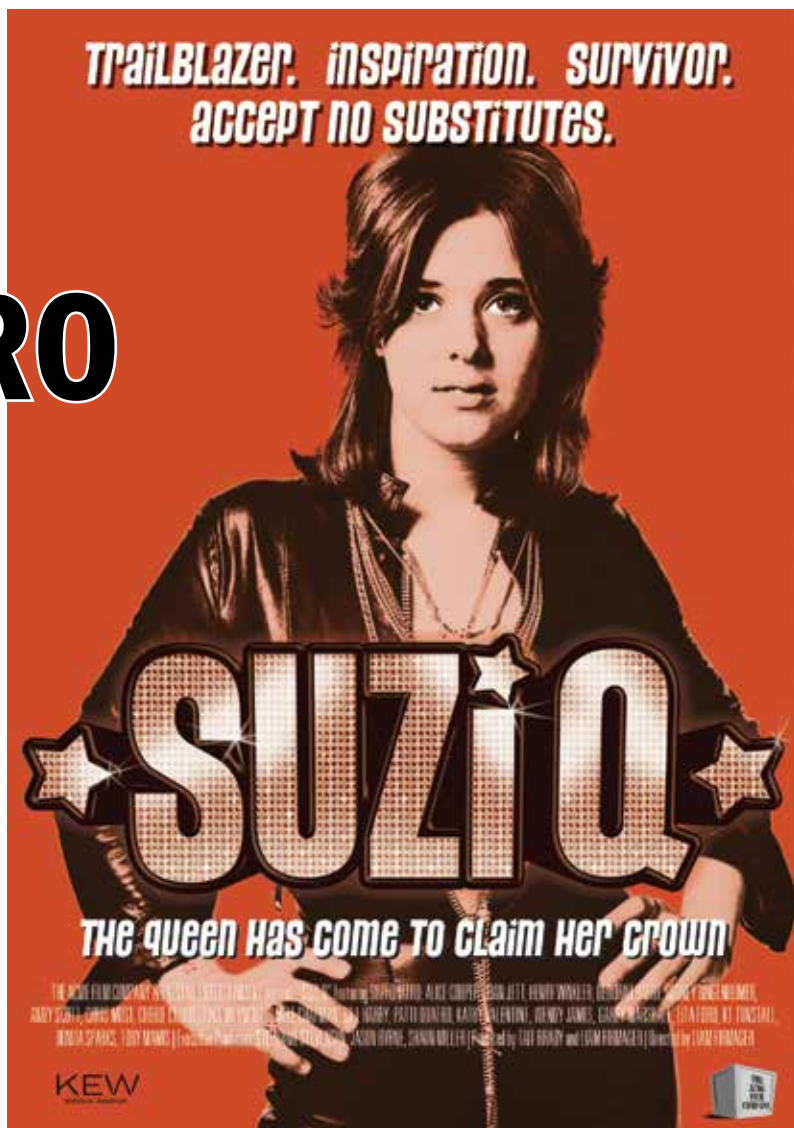
The documentary is an intimate look at her Grosse Pointe upbringing, the formation of her first band, The Pleasure Seekers (1964-68), and her rise to fame. The film features interviews with Joan Jett, Alice Cooper, Joan Jett, Henry Winkler, Deborah Harry and others. It also details her 55 million records sold, marriage and motherhood, theatrical performances, beloved part in *Happy Days* and bestselling publications.

Even with the trove of accolades, the film pointedly begins and ends with her Motor City family.

Quatro, the fourth of five children,

grew up in a house on Torrey Road in Grosse Pointe Woods. It was a home filled with music. Her father, Arthur Quatro, was a semi-professional musician who worked for General Motors.

After watching The Beatles on television one night, she and her sister Patti decided to start a band — The Pleasure Seekers. The group also included Grosse Pointers Nancy Ball, Mary Lou Ball and Diane Baker. Quatro's sister Arlene would later join. The band reconfigured again, becoming Cradle, with Quatro's sister Nancy as frontwoman.



It was at that time, playing at bars that Quatro was legally too young to enter, that brother and entertainment executive Michael Quatro urged music producer Mickie Most to see Cradle perform.

Most offered Quatro a solo deal in the U.K., leading to a fissure in her family — and her status as the first female bass

playing rock star.

Suzi Q is an honest, sometimes difficult, look at the cost of fame.

"I insisted from the beginning of the project: I don't do this unless it's real," says Quatro. Australian filmmakers Liam Firmager and Tait Brady agreed.



The authenticity is apparent in the lament of her lesser success in the States than overseas, in interviews with Quatro's sisters, the unapologetic single-mindedness of a younger Quatro, and Quatro's admission that she has been striving for validation from loved ones.

A particularly vulnerable part of the documentary is the inclusion of audio from a tape Quatro received while struggling to succeed as a homesick musician new to London.

"It was Christmas. I thought it was a nice gift from my father," says Quatro. She excitedly played the tape. "My reaction went like this: Shock. Pain. And then tears."

Family members were recorded, apparently without their knowledge, making comments that would shake the resolve of any struggling artist. Quatro says that to this day she is unsure of her father's motive in sending her the tape.

"It was a pivotal moment in my life," she says. Instead of packing up and returning home, Quatro transformed her pain. "It was the push I needed. I had complete resolve after that. I thought, this is my shot."

Despite the incident, Quatro says she was close to her father. She credits him with her penchant for performance and her indomitable independence.

She credits her mother, Helen, with her deep sense of morality. Though Quatro dropped out of Grosse Pointe High to tour the country at just 15, she never partook in the seedier aspects of

the entertainment industry.

"Grosse Pointe was the perfect upbringing. I never left Grosse Pointe," says Quatro. "That security, that safety, that foundation has stayed with me my whole life."

She nearly purchased her childhood home when it was listed a few years ago. But the heartbreak of knowing her mother would never call to her from the kitchen prevented her from going through with it. Both parents have passed and only one sibling remains in the metro Detroit area.

"Every time I went home, the owners would let me inside," she says.

Quatro showed the owners where she had carved her name into some of the woodwork. Their response? "Your name is carved everywhere!" She laughs.

It was in that living room, at 5 years old, that Quatro watched Elvis sing and dance across the television screen. "It was a lightbulb moment," she says. Then and there, she decided what her life's path would be.

That resolve manifested in a mantel that Quatro has always felt awkward carrying; that of trailblazer for female rock stars.

"I knew I didn't fit into any accepted way of life," she says. "But I have resolutely lived by the idea that 'I will be me.' Without meaning to, I gave others permission to be different."

Her personal mantra is "communicate, create, entertain."

"And I'm not done," she adds. 

Opposite page, Suzi Q documentary poster; The Pleasure Seekers album cover; above, clockwise, Suzi Q as a toddler in her Grosse Pointe Woods home; Quatro as Leather Tuscadero and Henry Winkler as Fonzie in Happy Days; Quatro with her bass guitar; Quatro in concert

Photos courtesy of suziquatro.com and suziqmovie.com

For information on her documentary, music, books, upcoming album and appearances, visit suziquatro.com or suziqmovie.com.

Meet Christine



Name	Christine Aphram
Age	30
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
Occupation	Nurse Practitioner

Christine's Favorites

Season

Fall

Book

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Music Genre

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Movie

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What are your two best personality traits?

Caring and patient

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

Trips to Lebanon to visit my family and the beautiful country

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

I would travel to Europe, purchase a yacht to dock at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and donate to charity organizations that fund relief for children's hunger and education.

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

I love to sing and I'm always singing privately.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Obtaining my master's degree in nursing

What is the best gift you've ever received?

A scrapbook with photos, letters and music from my husband

Words to live by?

Live simply, love generously and learn constantly.

About Christine

"I was born and raised in Grosse Pointe. My husband Danny and I are excited to start a family here.

Some things I really enjoy include watching documentaries, discovering new restaurants in Detroit, the DIA, road trips, visiting coffee shops and bakeries, taking long walks on Lake Shore with my husband, horseback riding and interior decorating.

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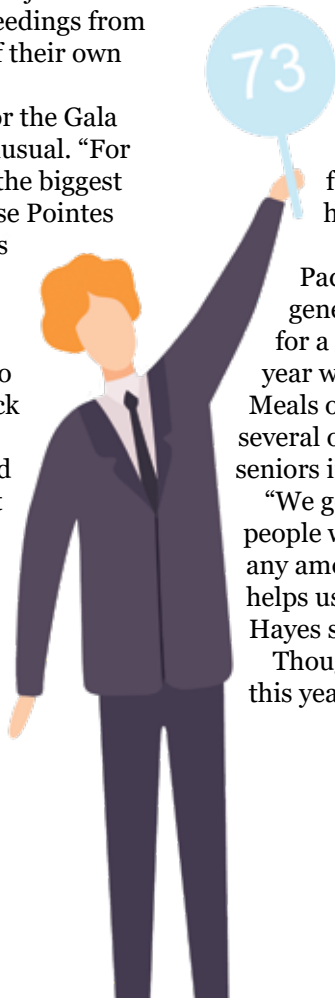


THE HIDDEN TREASURE
ON RIDGE ROAD

By Joyce Wiswell

There will be something very different about The Helm Gala on October 8 — it will be completely virtual. While some will miss the chance to dress up and see and be seen, there are doubtless many others just as happy to watch the proceedings from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

This is the 24th year for the Gala and certainly its most unusual. “For 23 years this was one of the biggest social events in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods,” says executive director Peggy Hayes. “Obviously, we can’t gather 240 people in one room, so we had to pivot. We really went back and forth, trying to be hopeful that things would be better by October, but as the summer dragged on, it became obvious we could not do it. But we’ll still have many of the wonderful pieces to it.”



Those include the silent auction, live auction and jewelry raffle for a necklace valued at \$3,900 donated by LaLonde Jewelers. The live auction will be broadcast from the studio at Henry Ford Health System (the

Gala’s Platinum+ Broadcast sponsor) and last less than 45 minutes, Hayes says.

“This will be an evening of fun that won’t take the whole evening, and your feet won’t hurt from wearing heels,” she laughs.

The event also includes the Paddle Raise, in which patrons generously pledge to donate for a specific cause. Funds this year will go toward The Helm’s Meals on Wheels service, as well as several other programs that serve seniors in the community.

“We get a surprising number of people who donate \$10,000 and any amount from \$100 and up helps us carry out our mission,” Hayes says.

Though it will be very different this year, the Virtual Gala is still


as needed as ever, raising 40 percent of The Helm’s annual budget for programs that benefit the area’s senior citizens.

“It is hugely important to us,” Hayes says. “We have a really strong base of supporters, which I am eternally grateful for. I’ve even heard that people are talking about getting together for small viewing parties.”

This year’s chairs are Douglas Blatt and Prudence Cole-Klimisch, while Presenting Sponsor is Ascension St. John Hospital.

The Helm Spirit Award goes to “Hometown Healthcare Heroes,” the essential workers from Ascension St. John Hospital, Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage and Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe who have tirelessly battled the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It has been astounding how they have kept our community healthy and safe,” Hayes says.

Visit HelmGala.cbo.io to learn more about the Virtual Gala and get a sneak peek at the auction items. The live broadcast begins at 7 p.m. on October 8. Learn more about The Helm at HelmLife.org. 

Ed and Ellen

By Jon B. Gandelot

My wife, Lisa, and I, recently attended the dedication of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Re-Imagined Tot Lot at Elworthy Field. Lisa and I are Rotary members. The program held special significance for me because one of the large playground structures was donated by the Edward T. and Ellen K. Dryer Charitable Foundation.

Ed and Ellen were long-time clients of mine. They had no children. Ed lost his sight at age 45 and began investing in the stock market and was very good at it. They asked me



to help them with their estate planning. We discussed ways of supporting others long after they were gone with the establishment of a Charitable Foundation.

They had particular interest in assisting the blind and helping children. The Dryer's Charitable Foundation has endowed professorships at University of Michigan and Wayne State University, supported projects for Leader Dogs for the Blind, endowed funding for transportation for visually impaired clients attending programs and outings at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, provided funds for GP Rotary for its Operation Warm — Coats for Children project, as well as many other charities not listed.

Lisa and I, and the other trustees of the Dryer's Charitable Foundation, are proud to have been able to create this legacy of giving on behalf of Ed and Ellen. I know that they would be smiling as the children at the Tot Lot enjoy the slides and dials of their new playscape.

What will your legacy be?

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at home in the Pointes

By Lauren McGregor

*R*achelle Koester's twin sons were in fifth grade when she decided to start with a single flowerbed.

"I volunteered on the Monteith PTO, but as Mark and Nick got older, they needed me less," says Koester, whose husband, Pete, is a lifelong Grosse Pointe. "I like to be busy and wanted to fill my time."

That was 12 years ago. Every year since, the Grosse Pointe Woods garden has expanded into the fairy-tale world Koester has created today.

"I knew I wanted mystery," she says of her garden design. "That's why I built the wall with the fountain (pictured on page 22). I didn't want to be able to see the entire yard at once."

She used a garden hose to make flowerbeds and interesting path shapes. From there, she started introducing plants that would attract wildlife.

"I want my yard to be a safe haven," she says,



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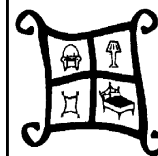
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Outdoor seating in front of the fountain wall

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noting that her favorite plant is the yellow cup plant. “It’s a Michigan native and attracts yellow goldfinches, butterflies and bees.” Purple coneflowers are a close second favorite.

In 2014, Koester became a certified Master Gardener. As part of the program, she attended a lecture by Cheryl English and adopted a hands-off approach to fall clean-up.

“I was always one to totally sterilize my yard for winter. Nothing remained — not one leaf, not one stem. I was horrified when I found out what I was doing,” she

says. “Now, the only fall clean-up I do is mulch the leaves that fall on the grass and blow them into my beds.”

Any leaves that fall into the flowerbeds, she doesn’t touch. Koester explains that important insects overwinter in the leaf litter and plants.

“I supply the host plant for Swallowtail butterflies, for instance. They overwinter in chrysalis form,” she says. “They could be anywhere in the yard. If I cut down my plants and threw them away, I would throw away the chrysalis.”

Declining butterfly populations, she

says, are among the best reasons not to clean up your garden for winter.

“I like that my garden offers native bees, butterflies and ladybugs a much needed winter habitat. It also supplies food for birds in the winter,” says Koester, whose garden is a Certified Wildlife Habitat and Certified Monarch Waystation.

The garden blooms from February to the first frost of the year and has never seen a weed killer or pesticide.

Koester is so insect-friendly, in fact, that she recently had a beehive installed.

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“When installed, the hive had 3,000 bees,” she says. The number has since increased. “And I’ve never been stung!”

She credits her green thumb to father John Koutoulakis and neighbor Louise Moukalian, both deceased.

Today, Koester works in landscaping and garden maintenance and is a member of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Deeplands Garden Club and Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission. 

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Vacation

London with Tim and the kids, Italy with friends and India with my sister Anne

Spot in Grosse Pointe

Our deck with good friends and a good bottle of wine!

What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

I love the small-town feel of the Pointes while having access to things like the DIA and DSO.

Why did you become a healthcare worker?

My high school guidance counselor told me he thought I'd be a good teacher and I thought he was a moron, so I went to nursing school — best decision I ever made!

How long have you been working in healthcare?

I graduated from nursing school 43 years ago when we still used glass syringes and just got my master's degree last year. You are never too old to learn.

What is most fulfilling about your work?

The feeling that you are making a difference in someone's life. As a bedside caregiver, it is what you do every day. In a more administrative capacity, you hope that the changes you are making help to improve the care that is delivered on the frontlines.

What is most difficult about your work?

Accepting that loss is an inherent part of what we do. It was profound for the staff during the COVID crisis and that was hard to synthesize.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

They are not 'my accomplishment' but I am most proud of my children, Connor and Mary. They are wonderful, talented, caring people and there is no one I enjoy spending time with more. (You too, Tim.)

Words to live by?

Live life fully, laugh often and dance as if no one is watching.

About Marie

"I love my family (husband Tim and children Connor and Mary), I am blessed with wonderful friends and have done a lot of interesting things in my career!

I love to travel, but love to relax at home just as much. I love the stage and have met some of my best and closest friends through Grosse Pointe Theatre — hopefully we will have a new home soon!

My wish is for everyone to be safe and healthy."

All that coughs is not COVID

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

Previously mundane symptoms of cough and sore throat have taken on new significance during this pandemic. Lets review a couple non-COVID-19 causes for those symptoms to decrease worry and needless visits to the doctor.

One common cause of both symptoms is allergies (seasonal or year-round). Allergies can cause a cough and some throat discomfort from inflammation and drainage.



Take an over the counter (OTC) antihistamine and symptoms should improve quickly. Nasal steroid sprays can be taken alone or in combination with the antihistamine and may provide even better control of allergy symptoms.

Another cause of throat discomfort and cough can be stomach acid. When acid goes up into the esophagus, throat discomfort, cough (and even ear pain) can occur. Weight gain, smoking, drinking alcohol and caffeinated beverages all aggravate these symptoms. OTC acid neutralizers and baking soda are effective nearly immediately but don't last long. OTC acid reducers take hours or days to "work" but drastic improvement can be made in one week especially if combined with diet and lifestyle changes. Smoking (even second hand smoke exposure) and dry air can cause throat irritation and cough, too.

When it gets cooler, get out your humidifier, get your flu shot and wear a mask and we will get through this time together.

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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Risk assessment

By Lina Bowman

Market ups and downs may be tolerable if you believe the event is unlikely to cause lasting economic damage. Still, major market downturns such as the 2000 dot-com bust, the 2008-09 credit crises and the 2020 COVID-19 global pandemic are powerful reminders that



we cannot control or predict exactly when the market will change course.

Market risk refers to the possibility that an investment will lose value because of a broad decline in the financial markets. These can be the result of economic or sociopolitical factors. If you're willing to accept more investment risk, you may benefit from higher returns in the good times or get hit harder during the bad times.

Your portfolio's risk profile should reflect your ability to endure periods of market volatility, both financially and emotionally. How much risk can you afford and how much are you comfortable taking? When's the last time you stress tested your portfolio?

Market declines are an inevitable part of investing, but abandoning a sound investment strategy in the heat of the moment could be detrimental to your portfolio's long-term performance. If you become overly anxious about the possibility of a loss, it might be helpful to reduce the level of risk in your portfolio. Partnering with a financial advisor to help you put a plan in place may help you manage your emotions when turbulent times arrive.

All investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal, and there is no guarantee that any investment strategy will be successful.

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Self-employed, self-determined

By Anna Bartolotta

If you are lucky enough (or unlucky enough) to be self-employed and either all or most of your monthly income comes from rental income, you are not being stifled by an employer-directed wage.



Do you find yourself spinning your wheels during the week and not actually seeing the pot of gold on Friday? Does Friday matter? Does it all come together by the end of the month? Maybe you are not seeing the monthly gold, but maybe it's yearly?

Some weeks I see myself running around Southeast Michigan putting out fires, and that weekly income may not reflect the actual work produced. Summer was a busy time in property management, and I actually stopped, took a breath and said to myself, "Is this one particular small task worth my time?" The answer was "Yes, it completely is," as I am working towards the bigger picture and every tiny task brings it all together.

All of the madness is larger than myself, and I must look towards Dec. 31 and know that everything eventually works itself out. Taking care of property owners and treating them as family, making sure they sleep well at night will ensure a positive outcome.

Even if I am standing on a Grosse Pointe porch at 11 p.m. at night checking on a rental property, it will prove that I am present and working the hardest I possibly can. Standing on those steps is absolutely worth my time.

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COVID strong

By Ken Welch

If you're reading this article and all of our gyms are still closed, it will be six months since gyms and other fitness businesses were put on hold. For a small business, that's an almost impossible situation to survive, but thanks to the loyalty of all the memberships in various clubs, we're doing it.

Owners feel for the frustration that affects members when having to tell them, "No, we're not open yet." Members value their workouts and rely on the support of their facility for motivation, a positive environment, good strength and cardio equipment and, in most cases, a caring staff.



"Exercise outside" has been the quick fix answer, but for the majority of people, it's not an appropriate solution. Not everybody is enthused about outdoor routines and group participation. Less daylight and changing weather will soon make outdoor workouts no longer practical.

We need our gyms.

Most of the gyms in the Grosse Pointe area were already providing cleaning stations and encouraging members to use them. Not a big deal to ramp up the effort. Members already check in with ID tags, making contact tracing easier if need be. Daily capacity can be controlled through pre-arranged times with members, which helps with social distancing.

All of us take COVID-19 seriously. It's simply what we have to do.

If we're open when you're reading this, please appreciate your facility and help us help you, by following the guidelines. This is going to be a long ride.

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More than sunscreen

By Dr. Meredith Price

As a dermatologist, I will always stress the importance of applying sunscreen to protect your skin from UV radiation. But did you know there is so much more you can do to protect yourself?

Seek the shade: not all shade is created equal. Solid shade structures provide better protection than slotted ones or sheer fabric.



Avoid peak hours: the sun is strongest between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Try to do your outdoor activities before or after.

UPF: refers to sun protection fused into fabrics. There are many companies that make UPF clothing for kids and adults. Additionally, Sun Guard is a product you can wash your clothes with to put UPF into any item you wear.

Hat: a hat is like your own personal shade structure! Make it a solid hat or one with a tight weave, with at least a 3-inch brim to provide good protection for the ears and side of face.

Sunglasses: UV radiation can harm various structures of the eye. Pick sunglasses labeled UV400, along with a large lens to additionally protect the delicate skin around the eye.

Alternatives: Heliocare Advanced is an herbal supplement that helps to increase your 'internal SPF'. Keep in mind, this is no substitute for sunscreen, and make sure to ask your doctor before starting any herbal supplements.

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Clockwise from far left: Alexander Kelly and his 2019 Subaru Crosstrek; Kelly shares a couple of his favorite shots: Chevrolet C8 Corvette at the 2019 Concours D'Elegance; Audi R8 RWS in San Diego, Calif.

AT THE WHEEL OF *DRIVING GROSSE POINTE*

The creator and writer of our Driving Grosse Pointe series is Alexander Kelly, 17, of Grosse Pointe. He is currently a senior at University of Detroit Jesuit High School & Academy. This issue, we asked him to step in front of the camera and answer a few questions about his history with automotive photography.

When and how did your love of cars begin?

I noticed it at a young age, when my dad would drive me around in his 1959 Porsche 356 Convertible D. But it truly didn't take form until I met a guy driving his Ferrari 458 in the dead of winter, February 2016. My dad and I pulled over and talked to him. He told me about an upcoming event hosted by Ken Lingenfelter at his car collection. That's where everything took off.

What car do you drive and why did you choose it?

I currently drive a 2019 Subaru

Crosstrek. It's not the most sporty car, but it handles day-to-day activities with ease. I chose it based on the material I got for the price.

What is your dream car?

My dream car is the Lamborghini Huracan EVO. It's a masterclass of a car with its aggressive design and its 5.2L V10 engine.

How long have you been documenting cars and what are some of the most impressive you've photographed?

I started taking pictures of cars in the summer of 2015 on my iPhone. A year and a half later, I began using my mom's Nikon. The two most impressive cars I've photographed are a Lamborghini Centenario outside of the Lamborghini Factory and Pagani Huayra Roadster at the Pagani Factory.

Where are some interesting places you've photographed cars?

I have been lucky to travel around the world and see cars many only dream of. Monaco was the most notable for the cars I saw. Everywhere I turned, there was something like a LaFerrari or Lamborghini Aventador. My favorite place to visit is Santa Margherita, Italy. Its location in the Italian Liguria grants a stunning view with many incredible cars.

What do you think of the future of driving?

I believe that electric cars will become the dominant seller in the next decade or so, along with a strong autonomous presence. (Though I do believe we will still see cars with combustion engines.) Just in the last decade, the automotive industry has made massive leaps in safety improvements and becoming environmentally friendly. I can't wait to see what happens in the next decade. [P](#)

To see Alexander Kelly's automotive photography, visit:

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MI auto insurance reform

By Kelly Aitken-Gwinnell

Effective July 2, the State of Michigan has made major changes to the Auto Insurance No Fault Law. You now have choices for Personal Injury Protection:

- Unlimited Lifetime benefits to ensure that you and your family are protected in the event of an auto accident. (This option is what you had included on your Personal Auto Insurance policy before July 2)
- \$500,000 option — maximum paid in a claim for medical expense from an auto accident would be capped at \$500,000 per person/per accident in the household



- \$250,000 option — same as above with a limit of \$250,000 per person/per accident in the household
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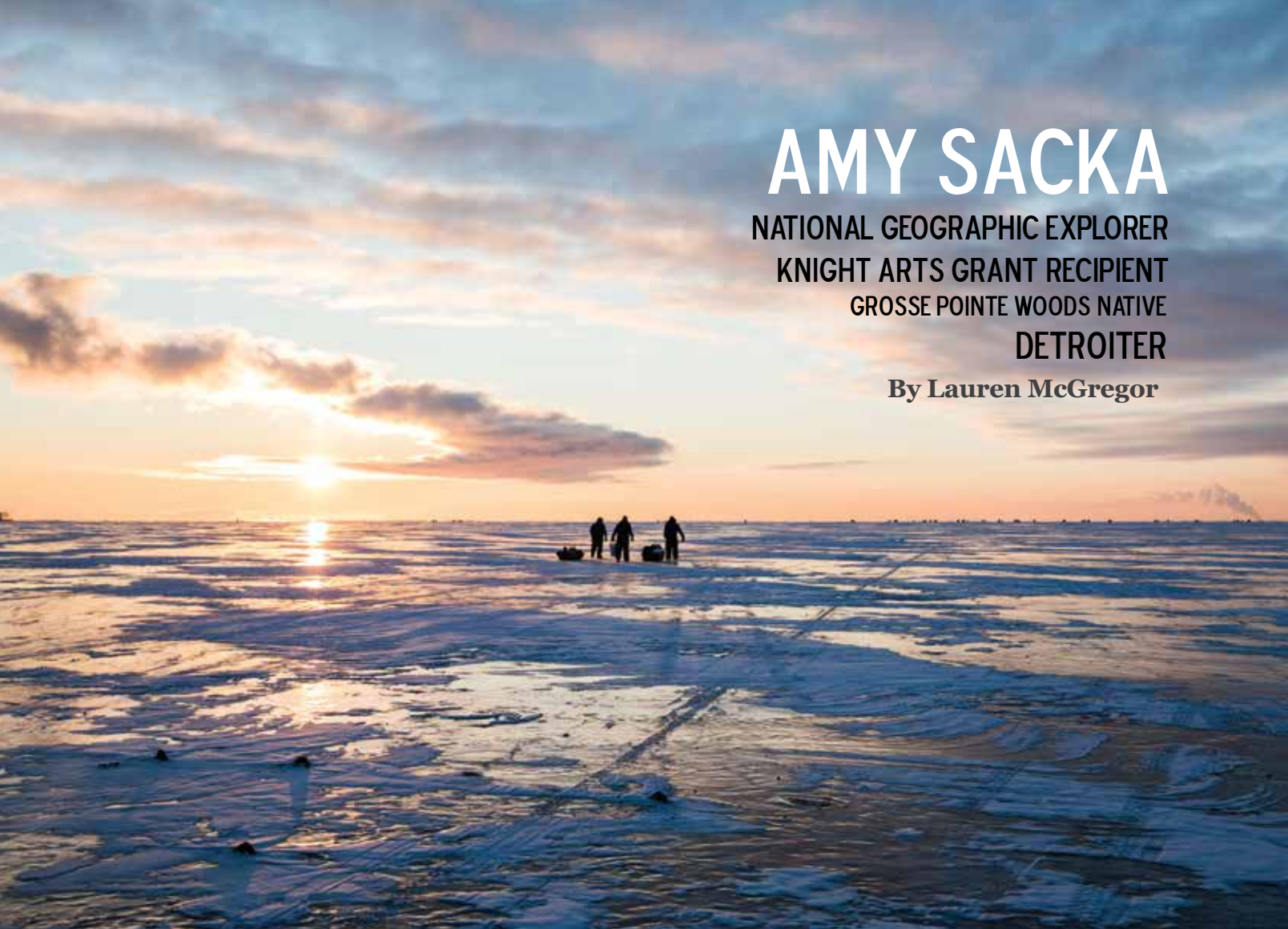
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AMY SACKA

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
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DETROITER
By Lauren McGregor



It's a busy time for documentary photographer Amy Sacka. She has just returned from a trip out west, photographing for a new series about what it means to be American. The four days before she boarded the plane, Sacka enjoyed an artist's residency at The Siren Hotel in Detroit. And in July, she wrapped up her contribution to WDET and Documenting Detroit's "COVID Diaries: Stories of Resilience."

Now, she holds in her hands the September Issue of National Geographic. As a National Geographic Explorer, she has long had her work featured. But this one is special: For the first time, her work rendered a 22-page spread in the magazine. It is a topic close to her heart: diminishing ice coverage on the Great Lakes.

"My dad is the impetus of this project," says Sacka. "I wanted to get to know him better. He always ice fished and so I started going out with him."

Last winter, Sacka traveled to Lake Superior with the intention of photographing ice. To her dismay, she couldn't find any.

"I traveled the perimeter of Superior," she says. "Instead of ice anglers, I photographed surfers." She also photographed hotel owners struggling with record vacancies from lack of snowsport weather.

Sacka quickly realized that the project was much larger than one lake.

"I was at National Geographic for a conference and told them what I'd seen," she says. "I proposed driving all five lakes to extend the project and they agreed to fund it."

When Sacka started dabbling in photography years ago, she used only an iPhone and submitted photos to the National Geographic Your Shot portal. They were good enough to catch the eye of editors.

After having several photographs from her travels featured online, Sacka



Photos from Amy Sacka's project "Lost and Found in Detroit" — she published a photo of the city every day for 500 consecutive days



Photos by Amy Sacka

applied for a NatGeo grant and received it — officially making her a 'National Geographic Explorer.'

The making of an Explorer

Sacka graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and University of Notre Dame before working several years in advertising and traveling widely. Then, in 2012, while living in Seattle, "all of the pieces were thrown into the air."

Following a blindsiding divorce, Sacka looked around to find no loved ones and little sense of purpose. She made it her mission to craft a life of meaning.

"I knew I wanted to be close to my parents (Tim and Dianne Sacka) and give photography a genuine go." That called for a homecoming.

She calls her pull to Detroit a spiritual connection. "I love that my grandparents lived one mile from my house, that my mother attended the Baptist church down the street."

When Sacka landed in Detroit, she

immediately started photographing. "I wanted to show the beauty of Detroit and preserve the things that we, as Midwesterners, love."

She received much publicity for her 500-day photographic project, *Lost and Found in Detroit*. "I got to know the people and places that make Detroit Detroit," she says. Capturing the beauty of individuals through portraits, she says, is her most treasured work.


She's a passionate member of Documenting Detroit, a community of photojournalists creating a documentary record of Detroit.

"Detroit is still in the process of becoming new and incorporating the old," she says. "It's fascinating to watch the pieces of this puzzle come together in a unique way, unlike any other city."

Sacka is aware of the complexity in documenting the city. "How do I represent Detroit?" she asks. "As a white woman in a black city, I struggle with that."

Today, Sacka celebrates a full and meaningful life. She is planning an exhibit in Detroit this winter, funded by winning a Knight Arts Challenge Grant. And her house in the Joseph Barry subdivision is a happy haven, shared with two roommates.

"Having roommates has enabled me to chase my dream," she says. Her photographic essay *Finding Roommates After 40* celebrates the idea at topic.com.

Sacka emphasizes: "It's important to know that you can recreate your life at any age." 

Amy Sacka's work has appeared in several national publications and exhibited across the world. See more at amysackaphotography.com.



Peggy's Picks



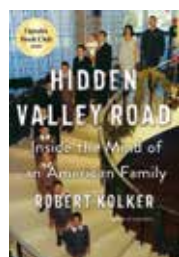
By Peggy Kitchel
Assistant Director, Grosse Pointe Public Library

At this moment in time, we are surrounded by uncertainty. It is stressful and frustrating. Reading a book is one of the ways I reduce the anxiety I am experiencing. I concentrate fully on the story. The world disappears. My shoulders loosen and I am transported to another place and time. May we all enjoy the simple pleasure of getting lost in a good book.



The Exiles
By Christina Baker Kline
Aborigine Matthina is eight years old when she is removed from her home to become an experiment in forced civilization. Meanwhile,

a London governess, Evangeline, is thrown into prison and is sent to a penal colony in Australia. During the journey, she becomes friends with Hazel, a skilled midwife and herbalist. The women, brought to their new lives against their wills, become a lens through which we see the development of colonial Australia.



Hidden Valley Road
By Robert Kolker
The Galvins were living the American dream. Their 12 children spanned the baby boom from 1945 to 1965. By the mid-

1970s, six of the boys were diagnosed as schizophrenic. They became one of

the first families to be studied by the National Institute of Mental Health. Their story coincides with the history of the science of schizophrenia. Samples of their DNA are still used in genetic research that continues today. How could all of this happen to one family?



The Vanishing Half
By Brit Bennett
One of the “lost twins” of Mallard, La., has returned. The lost twins are Stella and Desiree Vignes, who ran away at age 16 in 1954. Fourteen

years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, the fate of the twins remains intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters’ storylines intersect?



The Wicked Sister
By Karen Dionne
Rachel has chosen to lock herself away in a psychiatric facility, tortured by gaps in her memory and the certainty that she is responsible for her

parents’ deaths. But when she learns new details about their murders, Rachel returns to the place where she once felt safest: her family’s sprawling log cabin in the remote forests of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. As Rachel begins

to uncover what really happened on the day her parents were murdered, she learns that home can be a place of unspeakable evil.



Migrations
By Charlotte McConaghy
Franny Stone travels to Greenland to follow the world’s last flock of Arctic terns on its final migration on a fishing vessel trolling for

perhaps its last catch. Franny is forever on the move, suffering from fractured relationships and a sense of not belonging. But she is also full of secrets. When her quest threatens the safety of the entire crew, she must ask herself what she is really running toward — and running from.



The Tenant
Katrine Engberg
When a young woman is discovered brutally murdered in her own apartment, with an intricate pattern of lines carved into her face, Copenhagen police

detectives are assigned to the case. They quickly establish a link between the victim and her landlady, who also turns out to be a budding novelist. When Julie turns up as a murder victim in the still-unfinished mystery she is writing, the link between fiction and real life grows both more urgent and more dangerous.

Top photo by Jeffrey Sauger, courtesy of GPPL

The Cardinal Before Triage

By Walter Charuba

I wrote a poem dedicated to the healthcare worker when COVID hit us hard. Hopefully, it will not happen again.

The Cardinal Before Triage

The driveway walk with coffee
in scrubs and tired

The sun starts its shine

But day will dim with dire
in patience for patients,
with nowhere to lie there

This future I've seen
and review as I drive there

However in dawn and dusk

I'm inspired

By my sage, a cardinal
perched regal on a wire

Who leads in song
a tree filled choir

Though late, I stop
to listen and admire

Lights as lick of flame

No source, though fire

I pause, as the notes
in the message glide higher

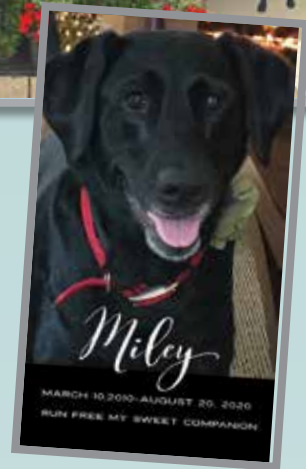
Singing, Carry on,
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Meet Anne



Name	Anne Catherine Duffey-Leo
Age	49
City	Grosse Pointe
Occupation	Owner, Duffey & Co.

Duffey & Co.

‘Duffey & Co. inspired goods’ is a collaboration of goods and services for the home, soul and body — inspiring that which is surrounding us and within us. September 2020 marks the shop’s fifth anniversary!

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Duffey & Co. is located at 15120 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Park. Visit duffeyandco.com and join the fun on Facebook and Instagram!

About Anne

Born and raised in Lakeview, Mich., Anne graduated from Lakeview High School in 1988. She earned a bachelor’s degree in fine arts from Albion College in 1992 and a bachelor’s degree in interior design from Kendall College of Art & Design in 1994 (the same year she got married). After living in Pleasant Ridge and Royal Oak for 15 years, the family moved to Grosse Pointe in 2011.

“Duffey & Co. was created after the birth of my second child,” says Anne. “What began as a creative outlet painting heirloom children’s furniture and accessories grew into ‘the little shop in the Park’ that opened five years ago in September.”

Anne and husband John C. Leo, DDS, are parents to John, 23, Audrey, 20, and Julian, 15. In her free time, Anne enjoys boating, travel, art, acting, cooking, spiritual studies, grounding in nature, music, foraging for wonderful treasures, spending quality time with family and friends and cooking and dancing in the kitchen with her husband.

How has the pandemic affected you as a small business owner?

During the lockdown, we became creative with gift baskets/boxes for Easter and Mother’s Day. We offered curbside pick-up, free local delivery and shipping — and still do!

How has the community been supportive during this time?

By calling on our gifts, goods and services to reach out to their friends and loved ones; stopping in to check on us as soon as our doors reopened. The Chamber of Commerce and various local publications were amazing at guidance and keeping us visible to the community. Grosse Pointe Park has been very open and helpful in the reopening efforts.

Why did you want to become a shop owner?

The creative in me wanted to share treasures that make life just a little bit more reflective and beautiful.

What is the best advice you have received?

The world has been waiting for you! For your gifts and graces that only are uniquely yours to bring. Let your light shine!

What is your next goal?

Along with continuing to provide inspired goods, create a platform of sorts — perhaps a co-op for healing and spiritual goods and services that enable others to feel their worth and magic.

What is the most memorable feedback you’ve received?

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Meet Lillion



Name: **Lillion Lecznar** Parents: **Chris & Alexis**
Birthdate: **February 8, 2020** City: **Grosse Pointe Park**

Cute fact: **She is always smiling or laughing.**

Favorite activity: **She loves bouncing in her rainforest jumperoo.**

About Lillion *in mommy and daddy's words*

Lillion is the light of our lives. She is happy, curious and always willing to tag along for adventures. She loves going on walks, playing with our dogs and is starting to army crawl everywhere. Lilly smiles at the sight of family and has a bewildered look around strangers. Lilly loves books and is entranced by the pictures and words on the pages. We love how much she loves to laugh and cuddle. One of her favorite things is love hugs from her mommy and hanging out on her daddy's shoulders while looking in the mirror.



Photos by Olivia Steele Photography

Meet Ana

Name: **Ana Schaupter** Age: **4** City: **Grosse Pointe Park**
Parents: **Brian & Dana** School: **Assumption Nursery School** Siblings: **Ava, 7**

Favorites

Game Playing princesses with Ava	Outdoor Activity Hopscotch	Food Grilled cheese & butter noodles
Vacation Mackinac Island	Book Mermaids	School Subject Story time

What is your favorite thing about going to school?
Playing with my friends

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A doctor

What is your favorite thing to do with your family?
Eat ice cream

Who is your hero and why?
Superheroes because they always save the day

About Ava



"Hi, my name is Ana. My best friends are Padrig and Leni. I love to swim. I love to tell people it is my birthday."

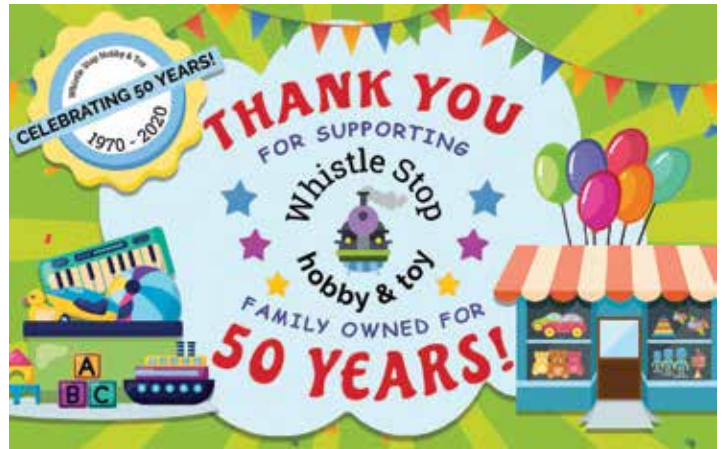
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A grid of 12 diverse senior portraits showing students in various poses and settings, including formal, casual, and action shots.

Meet Dominic



Name	Dominic Malouf
Age	13
City	Grosse Pointe Shores
School	Parcells Middle School
Siblings	Nicholas, 11, & Christopher, 8
Parents	Nissrin & Sam Malouf

Dominic's Favorites

Musical Artist

Drake

TV Show

Avatar: The Last Air Bender;
Stranger Things

School Subject

Social Studies

Food

Lebanese food

Movie

Thor Ragnarok

Actor/Actress

Chris Hemsworth; Robert Downey Jr.

Book

The Count of Monte Cristo

Vacation

Europe

Extracurricular Activity

Piano

Teacher

Mr. Scott Cooper

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

My ability to recall dates of events. I'd like to learn to back flip.

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

1. Eradicate COVID-19
2. Have a Tesla Model X
3. Be able to speak all languages

What song have you downloaded that people would be surprised by?

"All Around the World" by ATC

What did you want to be when you were a child and what do you hope to be now?

A doctor, and currently undecided

What do you most like to do in your free time?

Play video games, watch movies and ride bikes

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Graduating high school and going on to college

About Dominic

"I'm very social and enjoy hanging out with friends and family. I'm also an active member of my church's youth group.

I enjoy working out and playing video games — especially Call of Duty and Super Smash Bros. Making salsa and guacamole is my specialty."

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Claire Sheeren - "It was such an honor to receive this award. I could not have accomplished all I have without God and my family."



Maria Fields - "It was exciting to receive an award acknowledging my community activism and academic work. I am so proud to be a part of a community that invests in and values its youth."



Community Service: Mike LeFevre - "A great honor it was...Grosse Pointe Chamber really reaches deep to help all business thrive..Life is a Joy...Share the Joy with all..always remember its not what you have...its what you give back..."

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Excellence in Nonprofit Activity: Racing for Kids - J. Patrick Wright
"This award is a fantastic vote of confidence and a reminder that what we do is truly making a difference in the lives of children fac-



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Excellence in Business - Nominee must be a business in Grosse Pointe that has shown outstanding performance and success in its industry. In addition, the nominee must have been a strong supporter of the Grosse Pointe community over a long period.

Excellence in Nonprofit Activity - Nominee must be a nonprofit organization that has made a significant contribution to the quality of life for Grosse Pointe residents over a long period of time.

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Virtual race continues to *'Finn It Forward'*

By Joyce Wiswell



Finn Huston
Photo courtesy of Jamie Baker

Finn Huston would have been amazed at how the entire community came together after he passed away in an accident outside of Grosse Pointe South High School. And now, rather than hide away on Oct. 10, the one-year anniversary of that tragic accident, his friends and family are raising funds to support some of the causes closest to Finn's heart.

Finn It Forward, the non-profit organization formed by Finn's mother Jamie Baker and other family and community members, has already made an impact in its first year, funding several scholarships in arts, music and the sciences, and supporting LGBTQ causes in honor of Finn's courage to transition from a girl named Marley.

The coronavirus pandemic has forced the big event to go virtual. Participants in the Finn It Four Miler can choose between a four-mile run, a four-mile walk or get a team together for a 4x4 T-Rex Relay, a kooky idea inspired

“*He went out of his way to be kind and make people feel like they were not alone.*”



by Finn's big sister Dylan's beloved dinosaur costume.


“As we were brainstorming different ideas, we realized it was not impossible to do a virtual race, and why not try to bring the community together again on October 10?” says

Baker. “This community gave so much to us through all of this, it just made so much sense to give back.”

Shortly before his death, 15-year-old Finn told his mother that he'd like to be an organ donor one day. The family honored his wish, and his gift helped save seven lives.

Though quiet and shy, Finn had an enormous impact on those who knew him during his short life.

“He went out of his way to be kind and make people feel like they were not alone,” says Baker. “If he saw other kids who were quiet or introverted, he would try to help quietly with a look or act of support, like, ‘hey, I see you and I am here for you.’ Now with all this, he would sit back and say, ‘this is all for me?!’

To learn more about Finn's legacy and to sign up for the Finn It Four Miler, visit FinnItForward.org. 

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Rotary Tot Lot ribbon cutting on Aug. 8



Grosse Pointe Rotary's New, ADA-compliant Tot Lot is open!

By Margie Reins Smith

Grosse Pointe Rotary has completed the re-design of its Tot Lot at the corner of St. Clair and Waterloo. The play area for children ages 2 to 10 reopened on Aug. 8, unveiling a new play area appropriate for all youngsters — including those with physical and emotional challenges.

Rotary spent \$250,000 on the project, which is ADA-compliant. The swings allow an adult and a child to face each other while swinging. A spinning Merry-Go-All is a four-seat self-propelled version of a merry-go-round. A small structure is labeled “Club House.” Children can crawl through — or hide in — the Discovery Cave. Special tactile devices have been added to some of the equipment. A raised sandbox is new, as is a wheelchair-accessible picnic table. There’s even a Little Free Library, crammed with children’s books. Benches are plentiful.

“We got rid of some older items that were worn or outdated,” says Michael Carmody, chair of the Tot Lot Re-Imagining Project. “Some favorite items were completely refurbished. The result is a blending of new and old equipment. And we invested in the installation of a

rubberized surface to cushion falls.”

Next year Rotary plans to demolish the existing shelter on the site and build a 900-square-foot Tot Lot Community Center which will include two bathrooms that will be accessible from both outside and inside the structure. The shelter will also have heat, air conditioning and security cameras as well as tables and chairs. It will be a year-round facility.”

“It is the only dedicated ADA-compliant children’s park open to families in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods,” says Judy Masserang, past president of Grosse Pointe Rotary.

Visitors to the new Tot Lot are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Grosse Pointe Rotary installed the first Tot Lot in 1973 and made improvements in 1997-98. The area is owned by the Grosse Pointe Public School System and managed by the City of Grosse Pointe.

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. During the pandemic, they have been meeting via Zoom. For more information, visit www.gprotary.org. 

Photos by Renee Landuyt

Top left, down: Adalee Philbrick on the new slide; Tot Lot Re-Imagining Project chair Michael Carmody; Lisa and Jon Gandelot, two trustees for the Edward T. and Ellen K. Dryer Charitable Foundation donated for the playscape project in background; Kate Lally

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#KidsKickingCovid



The Family Center hashtag celebrates proactive measures

By Anne Erickson

If you think dealing with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is scary for adults, try being a kid and coping. Thankfully, fun programs such as The Family Center’s #KidsKickingCovid activities are helping children get through this unprecedented time with a few smiles.

“In the early days of COVID-19, when we knew The Family Center would have to shift from live programming to other methods of assisting families in dealing with this new challenge, I was painfully aware that this lockdown would have a profound effect on children,” says Patty Sunisloe, executive director of The Family Center.

“I also knew that the way parents explained to their children what was happening would be critical in mitigating much of the negative impact,” she adds. “Given how much children were losing — for example, school, friends and their routines — they could very easily feel they were victims of this thing that no one could quite make sense of. I wanted to shift the thought process from, ‘I’m a victim,’ to, ‘I can be part of the

solution.”

The concept behind #KidsKickingCovid is for families to post photos of their children engaged in proactive things with that hashtag.



Calvin washes his hands thoroughly

She says that creating the hashtag for the concept was “a way to make the initiative clear and simple, giving parents a tool for keeping it positive. A steady stream of ideas seemed like a

very practical way to help.”

#KidsKickingCovid will also help bring some fun into what appears to be a very different school year.

“Now that we know school will not resume as normal, The Family Center will continue to feed the #KidsKickingCovid site with fun ideas that can be used while doing at-home learning,” Sunisloe says. “We have always been a supportive partner to the Grosse Pointe schools, and we hope our #KidsKickingCovid program will serve to enhance the hard work teachers are doing to keep kids actively engaged and eager to both learn and play.”

Sunisloe encourages families to join The Family Center mailing list. She also says to visit the #KidsKickingCovid section of The Family Center’s website for helpful information at www.familycenterweb.org.

“The Family Center’s mission is to empower families to successfully navigate life’s physical, social and emotional challenges, and during COVID-19, there have been many,” she says. “If we can address this mission in a way that is fun, all the better.”



Bandstand Battle Gala

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There is no need to schedule a sitter or worry about what to wear — Kids On The Go (KOTG) is bringing the Bandstand Battle Gala to you, virtually! The week-long event culminates with a live streamed broadcast, emceed by Brandon Roux of WDIV, featuring band performances, live and silent auctions and raffles on Nov. 7.

Performances by Ben Sharkey, Yorg Stormrunner, Jason Charles Band, Ms. Carmen, Jes Gru and The Stools, will be released Nov. 1. Viewers will be encouraged to vote for their favorite band throughout the week. A second performance of the three finalists will be broadcast Nov. 7.

The winner will be determined by votes cast by making a charitable donation to KOTG.

Available auction items include a private tour of the Motown Museum led by Detroit’s own Martha Reeves, beautiful jewelry from edmund t. AHEE jewelers and a VIP concert suite at MotorCity Casino’s Sound Board. All proceeds benefit Kids On The Go.

In their 22nd year, KOTG stays true to their mission of meeting the therapeutic needs of children with special needs in our community. This year, faced with the challenges presented by COVID-19, KOTG rose to the challenge to adapt their programming.

“Many private and school therapy services were eliminated due to the pandemic, not only leaving the children without their therapies, but the much-needed stability and routine,” says founder and executive director Kristy Schena. “We quickly implemented six virtual programs that were held for eight weeks. Then we began working on how to adapt our summer offerings.”


The result was 51 sessions — 42 delivered virtually

and nine face-to-face with social distance guidelines. All programs are completely funded by charitable contributions and offered completely free of charge because of sponsors and proceeds from events like Bandstand Battle Gala.

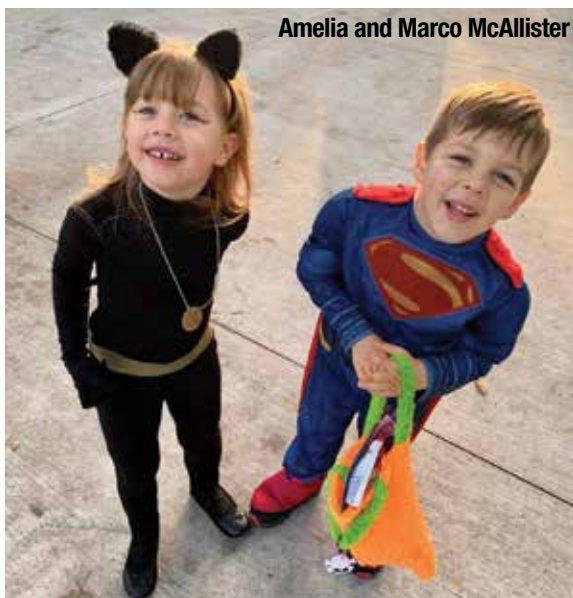
Typically, the biennial Gala attracts 400 attendees. However, with the virtual format, a much larger audience is anticipated.

“We look forward to this wonderful opportunity to ‘open our doors’ and share all the good things happening at Kids On The Go. There is no cost to attend and everyone is invited,” says Schena. “We are partnered with Motor City Casino and Cheese to Please to offer virtual viewing parties for those who may want to gather to enjoy the evening.”

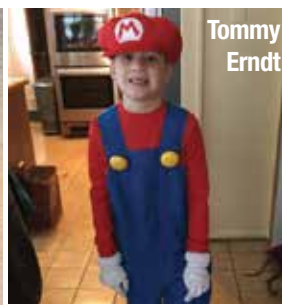
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Amelia and Marco McAllister



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HALLOWEEN reimagined

By Lauren McGregor

As almost every celebration has looked quite different this year, so too will Halloween. Many parents are devising creative back up plans for the big night.

“If trick-or-treating is a no-go, we’re going to set up the projector outside and invite the neighborhood kids over for a family-friendly, socially distanced movie night courtesy of our garage door!” says Danielle Carlomusto, founder of the children’s series *Motown is Gro-Town*. She and husband Bill McAllister are parents to twins Amelia and Marco, 4.

Matt and Beth Erndt of Grosse Pointe Park have already decided against trick-or-treating. Instead, they have a plethora of Halloween festivities planned.

“We have chosen OneGP (virtual learning) for our two sons, Carter,

11, and Tommy, 9. Since we will not have a classic school party, we will be celebrating Halloween in our ‘Haunted Backyard,’” says Beth Erndt. “I will have a smoke machine going along with scary music. We will have a bonfire in the fire pit and follow up with a scary story around the fire.”

They’ll be doing a lot of the traditional stuff as well: pumpkin carving and decorating Halloween cookies. On Halloween, the family plans to play “ghosts in the candy graveyard.”

“I will buy candy and set up certain spots in the yard that will have the boys’ favorite mix of candy,” says Erndt. “It will be like a scavenger hunt, with clues leading to the candy left behind by the ghosts.”


The Somes family of Grosse Pointe Woods hopes trick-or-treating will still take place — with practical

precautions.

“We are doing something with *Octonauts*,” Fred Somes says of the children’s television program. His son Graham, 3, is a big fan. “Lots of costumes, like this nautical theme, include a face covering or mask.”

Another precaution Somes suggests? Leaving candy in a bowl on the porch or at a stand near the sidewalk to adhere to social distancing guidelines. But if trick-or-treating doesn’t take place, he and wife Paige have a back up plan.

“We will create cardboard box stations that one parent mans while the other parent leads Graham to the next box,” says Somes. Each box will house candy and a surprise — like a flashing light or a grasping hand.

No matter the approach, there seems to be a plethora of ways for families to celebrate Halloween in 2020. 

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Damage after the June 10 storm

By Lauren McGregor

When Haunted Garage Productions founder and owner Glen Williams started planning the 2020 Haunted Garage, he thought a worldwide pandemic would be his only concern. Little did he know, Mother Nature had something extra up her sleeve.

“During the June 10 storm, a number of trees fully or partially came down. Our cottonwood, over 100 years old, brought others down,” says Williams, a retired Grosse Pointe Public Schools teacher. “The crew said it was the biggest stump they had ever removed.”

Damage included multiple holes in the roof, a branch in the dining room, another through the kitchen window, water damage to the wood floors and new wall cracks being found almost daily.

Williams wasn’t home at the time of the storm, but his neighbors’ response was a testament to the camaraderie in the community.

“Our wonderful neighbors were knocking minutes after it happened

to make sure we were okay,” says Williams. “And the man who built the house, Bruce Kaselitz of Edward Martin Construction, monitored it through the night and had a crew out to take pressure off the roof the next morning.”

As if all of that wasn’t enough, early into repairs in July, there was a water main break in front of his house, destroying freshly laid sod.

Still, Williams remains optimistic. He’s excited about new animation for the Haunted Garage, a possible Christmas show and other creative additions he is remaining mum about.

As of press time, Williams has decided to hold off on Halloween festivities this year, purely out of concern for the community.

“I’ve been talking to friends in the medical field and asking experts,” he says, about how to safely open.

Measures would have included spraying tents, sanitation stations, socially distanced groups and a mask requirement.

“But is it enough?” he asks. “The kids have lost so much this year. Can I put on a quality show safely? I wanted do this for the families.”

That’s what the show has always been about. It’s a gore-free experience, with actors who don’t pursue visitors and whom Williams personally knows.

His heart also aches for the schools. The Haunted Garage is a top fundraiser for many Grosse Pointe schools. “I know how hard it is for the PTOs,” says the retired teacher, who has hosted numerous PTOs over the Haunted Garage’s 13 seasons.

“My heart says to do it, but my gut ...” he trails off.

Williams promises the Halloween favorite will be back in a way folks can’t imagine next year.

“Watch out for 2021. It’s going to be the most incredible show. I’m going to pull out all of the stops.”

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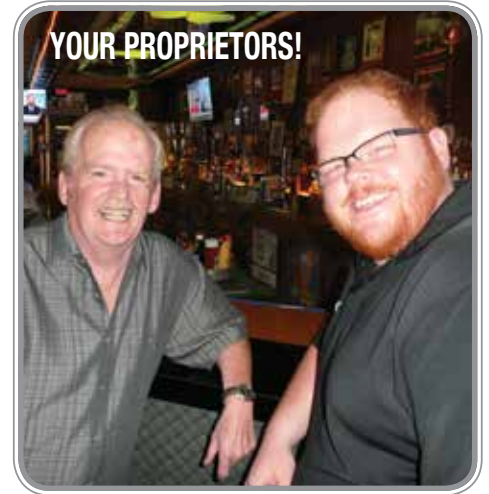
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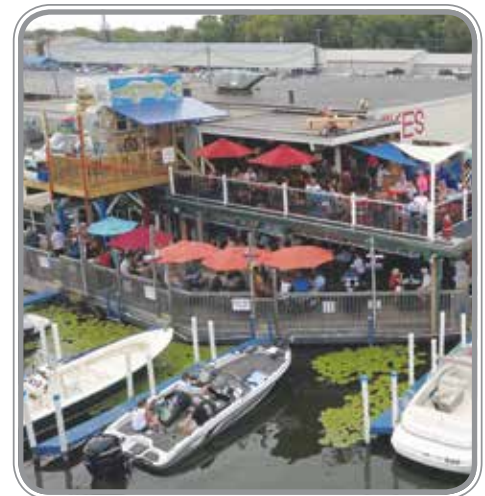
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1/4 tsp. salt

2 tbs. cold water

9 large eggs

1/2 tsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. dried oregano leaves

1 tbs. stone ground Dijon mustard



1 cup baby spinach, coarsely chopped

1 small red bell pepper, diced

3/4 cup extra sharp shredded cheddar cheese

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3. Spoon walnut-oat crust mixture

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4. In large bowl, whisk eggs, garlic powder, oregano and mustard until well combined. Stir in spinach, bell pepper and cheese
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Cedar turns 7 months old in September! She lives in the Woods and enjoys tennis balls, treats and walks by the lakeshore.



Winston

Winston, a 9-month-old Springer Spaniel, is full of tail wags and energy. He loves to walk, especially if he finds drinking fountains (sprinklers) along the way. He also enjoys getting as close to his humans as physically possible, whenever possible.



Tika

Tika, 15, lives in Grosse Pointe with her mom and dad. Her favorite thing to do is hang out in the backyard when it's warm!



Rudi

Rudi is a German Wirehaired Pointer and fall is his time of year. It's hunting season!

COVID-19 and pets

By Dr. Stephanie Bagwell

The COVID-19 pandemic has been at the forefront of everyone's mind for the last several months. In addition to keeping your human family members safe, many people are wondering if they need to worry about their pets potentially becoming infected with the disease. The good news is that for the most part the risk to our pets is relatively low.



According to the CDC, there is no evidence to suggest that domestic animals, such as dogs and cats, play a significant role in the spread of COVID-19. There have, however, been rare instances of pets becoming infected with the disease after being in close contact with a human who had tested positive.

That being said, at this time, the CDC recommends treating pets as you would any human member of the family in terms of social distancing and isolation from people outside of your household to prevent them from any potential exposure. If a member of your household is sick with COVID-19, they should be isolated from the animals in the home just as they would be from other human family members.

Though it is possible (but rare) for us to transmit COVID-19 to our pets, most evidence suggests that dogs and cats cannot spread the virus easily amongst themselves, and are unlikely to be able to spread it back to humans.

As always, we hope you and your family are staying safe, healthy and washing your hands! Contact your veterinarian if you have further questions about COVID-19 and pets.

Dr. Stephanie Bagwell is a 2014 graduate of Michigan State University and joined Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in February 2015.

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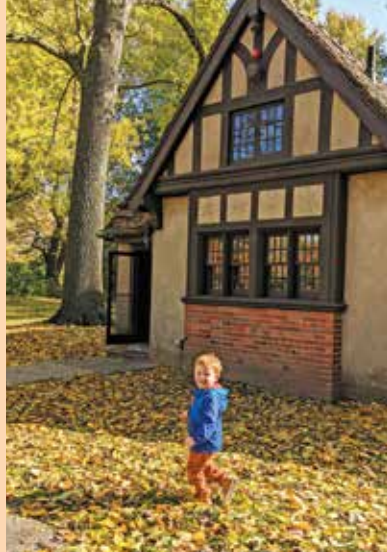
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September

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10 THURSDAY

- Homeschool Environmental Tour at Ford House, outdoor educational walking tour, \$2 per person, register at fordhouse.org, also takes place Sept. 22 and 24, 10-11 a.m.



15 TUESDAY

- Business After Hours with Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, virtual networking meeting, book at grossepointechamber.com, 5 p.m.
- Architectural Salvage at Ford House Tour, take a close look at these beautiful pieces of history on a virtual guided tour with Ford House Director of Material Culture Lisa Worley, and Anthony Kartsonas, founder of Historic Surfaces LLC, \$10 for public, \$5 for members, register at fordhouse.org, 7-8 p.m.

16 WEDNESDAY

- The League of Women Voters, Ford House and Grosse Pointe Historical Society present a Zoom lecture by Susan L. Nenadic: "Votes for Women: Suffrage in Michigan," free, visit gphistorical.org for more information, 7:30 p.m.

17 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Legacy on the Lake — at home! visit grossepointechamber.com for details

18 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary's annual Grosse Pointe Run — Virtual! Upload your run details anytime between Sept. 18 and 20, all money raised goes to scholarships, grants and support of local charities; register at grossepointerun.com

- Homeschool: Learn About the Land at Ford House (ages 4-8), \$5 per family, register at fordhouse.org, 10-11 a.m.
- Homeschool: Learn About the Land at Ford House (ages 9-12) \$5 per family, register at fordhouse.org, 2-3 p.m.

28 MONDAY

- 30th Annual Oysterfest, sponsored by St. Ambrose Catholic Church, details for the new 'virtual' version to be announced, 7-9 p.m.

29 TUESDAY

- Business Before Hours with Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce,



Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary invites participants of all ages and abilities to choose between a virtual 10K run, virtual 5K run, virtual 5K walk, virtual 5K wheelchair route or virtual one-mile fun run! All registered participants will receive a "swag bag," including a moisture-wicking T-shirt, race bib and ribbon.

Complete and upload the results of your race between Sept. 18 and 20. Fun run registration after Sept. 2 is \$15. Registration for all other events after Sept. 2 is \$30.

Sept. 18-20

Register at grossepointerun.com

Post a photo of your run and tag Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary on Facebook!

October

Calendar

virtual networking meeting, book at grossepointechamber.com, 8:30 a.m.

- Ford House Collection Highlights: Oriental Rugs, virtual tour led by Oriental rug expert Alan Marschke and Ford House Director of Education Sheila Ruen, \$10 for public, \$8 for members, register at fordhouse.org, 7-8 p.m.



01 THURSDAY

- Festival of Tables goes virtual! Visit dopfestivaloftables.com for details participate through Oct. 31, vote for favorites online, donate, win prizes, help the Daughters of Penelope Thamyris Grosse Pointe Chapter reach goal of raising \$50,000

08 THURSDAY

- The Helm Virtual Gala, learn more at HelmGala.cbo.io and get a sneak peek at the auction items, live broadcast begins at 7 p.m.

10 SATURDAY

- Finn it Forward's first ever, virtual Finn it Four Miler, choose a 4-mile run, walk or 4x4 T-Rex Relay, each registration includes bib, shirt, shipping and a downloadable finisher's certificate, visit finnitforward.org for more information

11 SUNDAY

- AAUW parade to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, march from Grosse Pointe South to The War Memorial, register online at grossepointe-mi.aauw.net, 1 p.m.

13 TUESDAY

- Business Before Hours with Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, virtual networking meeting, book at grossepointechamber.com, 8:30 a.m.

27 TUESDAY

- Business After Hours with Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, virtual

networking meeting, book at grossepointechamber.com, 5 p.m.

31 SATURDAY - Halloween

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Amoritas Vineyards submitted three wines to the prestigious 2020 Tasters Guild International Wine Competition and came away with three medals.

The 2019 Fascinator, the winery's second Dry Muscat Ottonel vintage, won a Gold Medal, as did the 2018 Dry Riesling. Pipe Dream, a sparkling wine, claimed a Silver Medal.

"We are excited by these results. I believe every wine we've submitted to competition has won an award, which is quite an achievement," says Matthew Goodell, co-owner of the winery.

Founded in 2014 by the Goodell family of Grosse Pointe, Amoritas has been offering wine at its Tasting Room since December, 2017. The Tasting Room is located in Lake Leelanau, Michigan.

Learn more at amoritasvineyards.com. 



Left, the 2019 Fascinator won a Gold Medal



Right, the 2018 Dry Riesling won a Gold Medal



Left, Pipe Dream won a Silver Medal

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100 YEARS



CELEBRATING THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

By Margie Reins Smith

“More voting women than voting men will place the government under petticoat rule.”

“You do not need a ballot to clean out your sink spout.”

These are two of the many arguments put forth by The National Association Opposed to Women Suffrage, an organization founded in 1911.

Three Grosse Pointe organizations — The League of Women Voters (LWV), Soroptimist International (SI) and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) — are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which guaranteed the right to vote to all, regardless of gender.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, arguments against women’s suffrage included claims that women’s brains were inferior to men’s, that women should not “meddle” in governmental affairs because it would distract them from raising children and taking care of domestic chores, even an unproven statement that 90 percent of women

didn’t want to vote anyway.

“While we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, there is much more to be done moving forward,” says Vicki Granger, a member of all three local organizations. “I want my daughters-in-law and granddaughters to receive equal pay for equal work, to be able to read newspaper stories where the idea of a woman on a major political party ticket is not news, and to note the #MeToo movement as a part of history, not current events.”


Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe installed its 2020-2022 board members on July 1 — outdoors, social distancing, with masks. In recognition of the 100th anniversary, biographies of suffragists were paired with each inductee. Members wore white, the traditional color for suffragists.

AAUW is planning a parade to celebrate the 100th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 11.

“We start at Grosse Pointe South High School at 1 p.m. and walk to The War Memorial,” says Marie DeLuca.

“Everyone is welcome. Participants are asked to wear white (including a white mask) and remember social distancing protocols.”

Marchers are asked to register online at grossepointe-mi.aauw.net. There is no charge.

The League of Women Voters, Ford House and Grosse Pointe Historical Society are co-sponsoring a Zoom lecture by Susan L. Nenadic. “Votes for Women: Suffrage in Michigan” begins at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16. It’s free. Visit gphistorical.org for more information. 

The League of Women Voters organized the above photo on the steps of The War Memorial. Members of American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe and Soroptimists International Grosse Pointe were invited. All three organizations are represented. Members wore white, the color worn by suffrage movement members, and the traditional purple, white and gold sashes (made by LWVGP president elect Sue Acton).

Photo by Mike Florian, husband of current LWVGP president Judy Florian

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