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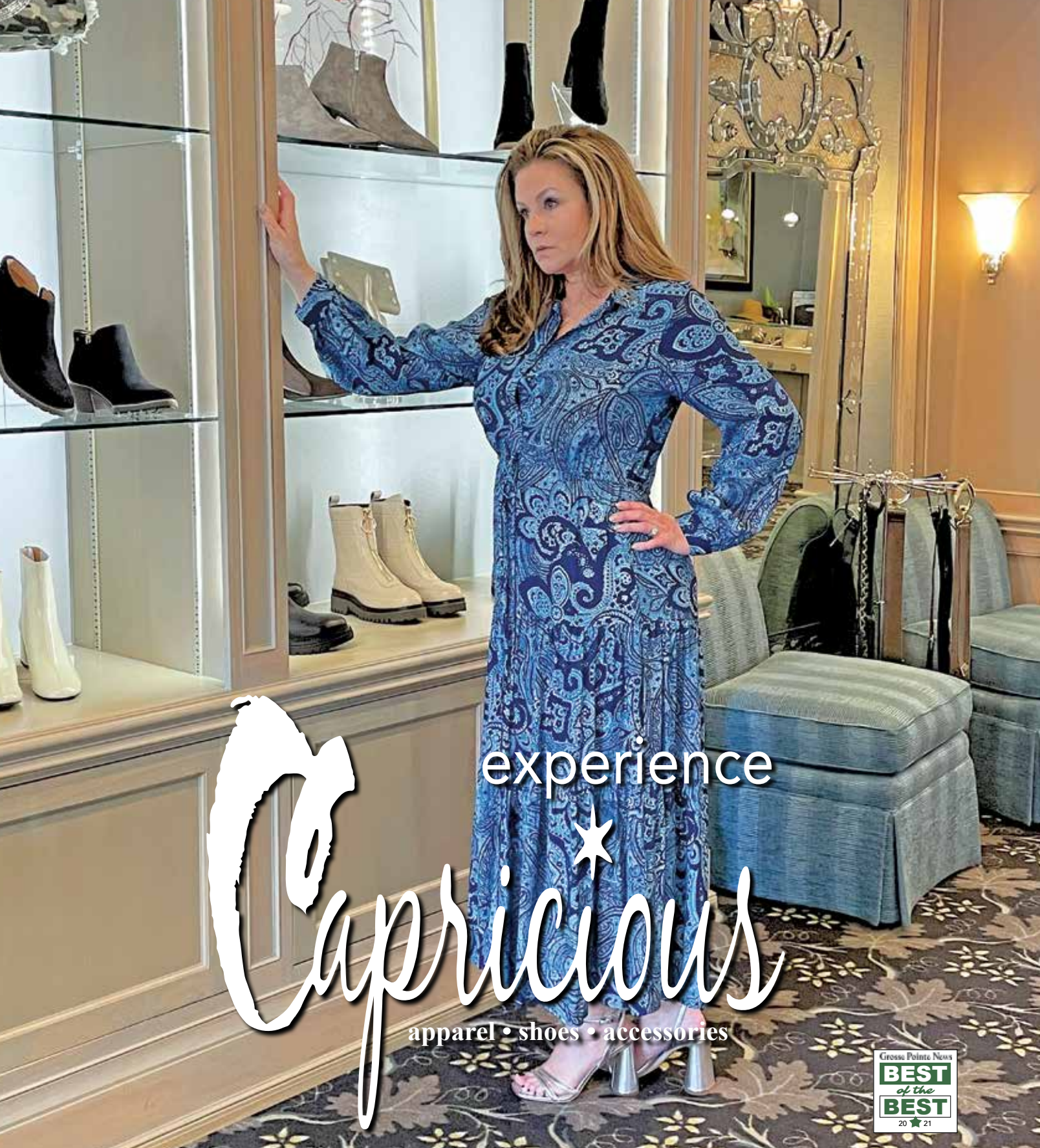
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On the cover



The cover photo, by Melissa Scargall, features John and Michelle Gillis, this year's featured wedding couple, at The War Memorial

Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this object? On Monday, March 21, we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to comment with the correct answer will win a family pass to African Safari Wildlife Park. Participants MUST wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck! (Last issue: The Helm at Boll Life Center)

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Lauren McGregor
Editor

Think spring (training)!

*W*ell shoot. As you are receiving this issue of *Pointe Magazine*, Terry and I are supposed to be in Lakeland, Fla. enjoying Detroit Tigers spring training. As of this writing, however, the players were still in lockout with Major League Baseball.

Terry bought a nine home game package at Joker Marchant Stadium (at Publix Field) as soon as tickets went on sale. For some of the games we have access to Club 34 with outdoor and indoor seating and a fabulous food court.

If we end up watching minor leaguers only, Terry will be fit to be tied. So a word to the wise at the MLB: You don't want Terry getting down there with a lockout still going on. Our first ticketed game is March 8...just sayin'!

We were cheated out of our annual spring training trips the last two years due to this never-ending pandemic. So having been double shot and boosted, we're heading down to Lakeland pandemic or not! (The governor tells us it's fine.)

By the time we are back in early April to put our May-June issue to bed, we hope to see tulips and daffodils making their annual appearance. (Yeah, yeah, we are still talking Michigan weather here. It has snowed on my birthday before at the end of April.)

Grosse Pointe is truly lovely in the spring with all the flowers abloom and leaves on the trees. If there is a more beautiful place to walk, jog, bicycle or just take the dog out, we haven't found it.

Meanwhile, at Comerica Park, the Tigers' front office is advertising like crazy on TV for opening season ticket packages, including suites, which sounds fabulous. But, Terry says, Let's see how they handle spring training first!

As always be sure to patronize our many valued businesses and advertisers, without whom this magazine would not exist and the Pointes would not be such a great place to live and work.

See you around the Pointe in 2022! 📧

John

*W*e are preparing for our first trip to Florida as a family of four. Like many other parents who are preparing for a spring break (and summer) vacation of pool time fun, water safety is on our minds.

I interviewed owner Suzette Atrasz, owner of Suntastic Swim School, for a feature on page 58. I am also fortunate to have firsthand knowledge of the joy she finds in teaching children to swim and the level of involvement she takes.

Last fall, my 4-year-old son started his first-ever swim lessons at Suntastic (which take place at Lakeview High School). My expectations were low, as on any given day he would fight me on bath time, terrified of getting water in his eyes. But the progress he made and the environment in which he made it were astounding.

Between a first day welcome photo and T-shirt from Suzette herself to my son's launching himself from instructor's arms to the pool wall by himself, I was pleasantly surprised.

The ethos of Suzette's business model was most accurately illustrated on Graham's final day of Rookie I classes. He'd had a couple of insecure lessons and still the instructor gave me the happy news: "He can go on to the next level!"

Later, when interviewing Suzette, I learned this progress is typical at Suntastic.

"We want to progress swimmers at a fast rate. We don't want to keep them back just to keep them in school longer." Suzette says she wants the children to become capable and eventually skilled swimmers as quickly as possible. Sometimes, life depends upon it.

If you are also interested in getting your children vital training, visit suntasticswimschool.com. When we signed up in the fall, classes filled almost immediately after opening!

Even after one semester at Suntastic Swim School, I am more comfortable with all of our upcoming pool plans. I hope you have a safe and happy spring break and beyond.

Here's to warmer days! 📧

Lauren



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Meet Tom



Name	Tom Trefzer
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Occupation	Retired, Owner and Operator of Safe Flue Chimney Service

Tom's Favorites

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What was your first job?

I worked in my dad's pattern shop until I graduated from high school.

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

I took flying lessons in college, until a medical exam revealed a color deficiency.

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

I went to a convention in Baltimore, then to Washington, D.C. and took in fireworks in Philly on the 4th of July.

What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

Sept. 11, 2001

Are you a collector of anything?

I have collected pennies since I was a youngster.

What accomplishment makes you proudest?

Graduating with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Technological University

Words to live by?

Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

About Tom

"I have lived in Grosse Pointe all my life, except three years after college graduation. I worked in the aerospace industry in Utica, N.Y. When work dried up in New York, I moved back to Grosse Pointe Farms and went to work for my dad in the pattern industry.

As a single parent, I needed to set my own hours, so I started Safe Flue Chimney Service and spent the next 35 years as my own boss. I remarried in 1981 to Dorothy, who also had three kids.

We moved to Grosse Pointe Park as a blended family, including kids Tommy, Cathy, Karen, Laurie, Cheryl and Kristen. While living in the Park, I worked with Grosse Pointe South's choir program, organizing costumes and helping the students.

After 37 years, we downsized to a home in Grosse Pointe Woods in 2018."

Ramifications of loneliness

By Jonathan Boos

With the growth and popularity of social media, our society has become increasingly connected. However, those connections are often more superficial than genuine. The lack of meaningful relationship building is creating more isolationism and loneliness among all people. The demographic that seems to be hit the hardest by this trend is the elderly.



A University of California, San Francisco study found that seniors who reported feeling lonely had a decreased ability to perform activities of daily living (ADLs) and an increased need for long term medical care. Loneliness is also a precursor to more serious physical and mental problems. It can raise levels of stress, cause high blood pressure, reduce immunity, contribute to heart disease, Alzheimer's and even certain cancers. Basically, loneliness among seniors may have the greatest impact on their overall quality of life.

What can you do to help? The best gift you can give an elderly person battling loneliness is your time. Even 30 minutes spent listening to old stories, playing cards or drinking a cup of coffee together can make a world of difference.

If you or a loved one are struggling with loneliness, it may be a good time to contact a home care provider like Nursing Unlimited. They can provide not only assistance with ADLs but also valuable face-to-face companionship and interaction; something that social media will never truly provide.

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Gaelic League Irish American Club of Detroit *kicks off Emerald Campaign*

By Lauren McGregor

After postponing 100th anniversary celebrations due to the pandemic, members of the Gaelic League Irish American Club of Detroit are rejoicing in a semblance of normalcy.

An exhibit “The Gaelic League of Detroit: Proud Past, Promising

Future” is on now through March 27 at the Detroit Historical Museum. Preparations are underway for the Sunday, March 13 St. Patrick’s Parade that marches past the Gaelic League’s home on Michigan Ave. in Corktown. And, perhaps most importantly, the League has kicked off its Emerald

Campaign to ensure that the Gaelic League can remain where it has been for the last 70 years.

“We have been in this building since the early 1950s and we want to stay here, but there is a lot of work to be done,” says president Kathleen Finley.

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Bar and stage; above left, the band Black Murray at the Gaelic League; left, Tim Fix, bartender at the Gaelic League and member for over 20 years, and president Kathleen Finley

The building is over 100 years old. The flood last summer caused serious damage,” says Finley. “We have wonderful volunteers who donate their time and resources to the building, but we now need a new HVAC system, roof, something from top to bottom.”

For \$250, donors can have their name added to a permanent Campaign display at the Gaelic League. The goal of the Emerald Campaign, which will cover only vital renovations, is \$75,000. It has so far raised just over \$40,000.

“We are known for our bar, but we are first an organization to promote Irish culture,” says Finley. To that end, the League offers countless classes, from Irish dance to Irish language to Irish music and beyond. Social events, live music sessions and more pack the calendar and the club has become a home-away-from-home for countless

members.

“It’s a welcoming, loving community,” says Finley. And you need not be Irish to join.

Membership to the Irish American Club is \$20 per year and required for drinks at the bar. Membership to the Gaelic League requires a minimum two years of active membership in the Irish American Club and Irish ancestry.

Life at the Gaelic League is deeply entwined with Ireland. “People call in from Ireland with the local sports scores. We have a radio station that reports all of this,” says Finley. “We record currently at a radio station proper, but would like to create a radio station in-house.”

For now, that’s a long term goal. Throughout the pandemic, revenue slowed. “The last president, Theresa Anaya, really kept us going,” says

Finley. The Emerald Campaign is vital “if we not only want to survive here, but want to thrive here.”

To donate to the Emerald Campaign or join the Irish American Club, visit gaelicleagueofdetroit.org or stop in during business hours — Fridays, 5 p.m. to midnight; Saturdays, 5 p.m. to midnight and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m.

Finley is looking forward to the annual St. Patrick’s Parade on Sunday, March 13 and then, of course, St. Patrick’s Day on March 17. “Those are our two biggest days of the year,” says Finley. “We are getting back to normalcy. Classes are coming back. Soon, we hope, there will be something every day.” ☎

The Gaelic League Irish American Club of Detroit is located at 2068 Michigan Ave. in Detroit.

Photos by Lauren McGregor





Sailing into 2022

Take a look back at the Real Estate Market in the Grosse Pointes in 2021 and what the future holds for 2022 across the country!

2021 GROSSE POINTE Market Statistics

	NEW LISTINGS	↓ 8%	1,197 units
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	CLOSED SALES VOLUME	↑ 13%	\$421,629,560
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	DAYS ON MARKET	↓ 31%	31 days

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	NEW HOME SALES	↑ 15%
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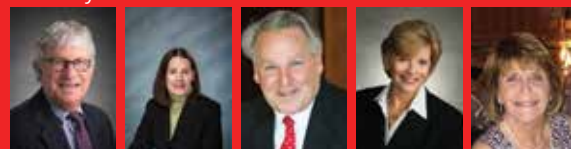
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY ON MACK



By Joyce Wiswell

It just wouldn't be St. Patrick's Day without corned beef and green beer, and Mack Avenue's two Irish-themed bars are happy to oblige — just as they have for years.

In fact, this will be the 42nd year for Irish Coffee Bar & Grill in Grosse Pointe Farms, which opens that day at 11 a.m. for those eager to start celebrating. Mike Kennedy runs the popular local hangout that was established in 1980 by his father, John, who still drops by on occasion, and his mother, Kathy, who will once again make her traditional Irish

stew. The establishment will also offer corned beef sandwiches along with the rest of the menu, and they're hoping to add live bagpipes to the mix.

The COVID-19 shutdowns were an enormous challenge for many businesses in the area, and Irish Coffee Bar & Grill was no exception. But Mike Kennedy says he got a good feeling about weathering the storm right from the start.

"The first St. Patrick's Day we had during COVID (in 2020) was the first day we had to shut down. We only found

out the night before that we would be closed, and everything was already prepped and ready to go," he says. "We had a lot of support from the community and did 100 carry-outs that day. We really had no idea what to expect and it blew up!"

That encouragement meant the world to the Kennedys, who take their responsibility to their regular patrons seriously. "People have been coming here since their parents brought them in, and now they are bringing in their own kids," says Mike, who has operated the establishment for the past decade. "We are a perfect recipe between my dad and his old-school style and me bringing in a newer style gradually over the years, like adding



Top, Cabbage Patch Saloon; left, Irish Coffee Bar & Grill, bartender Greg Fekin serves owner Mike Kennedy

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Irish Coffee Bar and Grill's iconic clover leaf bar ceiling

better they are from 1980. It hasn't broke yet so we aren't fixing it."

Over at the Cabbage Patch Saloon in Grosse Pointe Park, a large statue of St. Patrick will oversee March 17's festivities, which begin at 9 a.m. "for the diehards," says owner Alicia Carlisle. Her late husband, John, is well remembered as the proprietor of Jimmy Mack's, a popular sports bar that offered 50-cent Molson's whenever the Detroit Red Wings scored a goal. "The Wings were doing really well then and we'd go through 100 cases a night," Carlisle laughs.

The Cabbage Patch, which Alicia opened in 2014 after John's death, specializes in craft cocktails, whiskeys from around the world, and craft beers and spirits from Michigan. Customers especially love it when someone orders the vintage Jameson Irish Whiskey that is enshrined behind lock and key in a special velvet-lined tabernacle, which lights up and plays bagpipe music when

opened.

"St. Patrick's is one of our busiest days for sure," says Carlisle. "We'll have live music all day and night, bagpipers will come through every hour, and our four bartenders will all wear kilts."

The bar endured its pandemic-ordered closings and unfortunately "some people are still reluctant to come out," Carlisle says, adding that they engage in regular deep cleaning and keep a supply of hand sanitizers available every three feet.

Though the Cabbage Patch doesn't usually offer food besides popcorn, corned beef sandwiches — or, as Carlisle says, "THE best corned beef sandwiches" — are a notable exception for St. Patrick's Day.

"Everyone comes through that day," she says. "The Guinness and Jameson will be flowing." ☘

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By Robert Musial

Family plays a big part in the classic cars Wayne Wegner has. His 1957 Thunderbird was inspired by his daughter and his 1930 Model A Ford belonged to his late father.

And as for his pretty blue 1967 Chevrolet Camaro?

“That was my mother-in-law’s first new car,” says Wegner, of Grosse Pointe Woods, who has his law office in St. Clair Shores.

Tell me about the Camaro.

It was brand new in 1967 when she got it. When I was in law school, I bought it and drove it. Then I stored it and eventually restored it. When I got it, I think it had 25,000 miles on it and now

it has about 90,000 miles.

Did it always have that classic Camaro racing stripe around the grille?

Yes. I’ve got the original bill-of-sale from Tennyson Chevrolet — and that’s the way it came.

What work have you done on it?

I got new front fenders for it from Kip Tennyson back in the mid-1970s and replaced the rear quarter-panel. Actual stock parts, not reproductions. We also had it blasted and repainted in the original color. The interior is all original; I just had to replace the carpeting.

How was the engine?

Originally, it had a six-cylinder engine

with a Powerglide transmission. But we pulled the drivetrain out and put in a 396 (cubic inch) V8 with a nice cam. Now, it has a better sound and it’s a little faster than the six-cylinder. And my mother-in-law is happy with it.

Where have you gone in it?

Oh, locally, and out on Woodward. We like to go out there before the actual cruise day. It seemed like (August 2021), everyone was anxious to get out there with their cars because they couldn’t in 2020, though people still came out unofficially then.

What’s the appeal of a car like a 1960s Camaro?

Nostalgia plays a big part of it. We like to relive those memories. 📍

Is your living trust a doorstop?

By Jon B. Gandelot

For years, individuals have used revocable living trusts as a means to avoid probate and keep their financial affairs private. However, the mere fact that one has a living trust does NOT necessarily mean probate will be avoided upon death.

Probate is avoided only if the trust maker has transferred his or her assets into the trust or otherwise ensured that the assets are not subject to probate. The process of transferring assets to a living trust is called “funding” or “asset allocation.”



If you have a living trust, but have not transferred your assets into the trust, you have what I refer to as a “doorstop” and likely an expensive one at that! An unfunded living trust may be used for a doorstop or a paperweight, but it will not avoid probate.

The act of creating a living trust does not automatically transfer assets into the trust. Even if the trust states that you transfer all of your assets into the trust, or have a schedule attached to the trust listing the assets that are in the trust, does not transfer them to the trust. Each asset, whether real estate, bank and brokerage accounts, boats, etc., must be individually transferred to the trust.

It is wise to periodically check whether all of your assets are properly titled to your trust. If you do not have a trust, it would be smart to speak with an estate planning attorney about establishing one for your peace of mind as well as for your loved ones.

Jon B. Gandelot is senior counsel at Trowbridge Law Firm, P.C., with offices in Detroit and Grosse Pointe.

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Meet Soula



Name	Soula Burns
Age	50
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
Occupation	Director of Corporate Partnerships for the Downtown Detroit Partnership

Soula's Favorites

Season
Fall

Book
Pride and Prejudice

Movie
The Notebook (It reminds me of my in-laws who were married for over 60 years.)

Musical Artist
Freddie Mercury/Queen

Spot in Grosse Pointe
The lakefront — it's beautiful for a walk or a bike ride

Rainy Day Activity
Getting lost in a good book

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What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

My neighbors! I am blessed with an amazing community and my neighbors have become my best friends. I love the way we all stick together and pitch in when someone needs help. They are like family.

What are your two best personality traits?

Loyalty and humor

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

The World Series in San Francisco. It was an incredible experience.

What is something not many people know about you?

I once sang a duet with Barry Manilow on stage at Pine Knob.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

I want to cook and eat my way through Italy!

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I am most proud of my three children. They are all hardworking, smart, compassionate, caring human beings and the best thing I have ever done in this life! I am also extremely proud of the career I've had thus far and I am excited for this new chapter with the Downtown Detroit Partnership. Working in male-dominated industries like newspapers and professional sports was not an easy path, but I hope that young girls will look at me and see that they can do anything they set their minds to if they are willing to work hard and not take 'no' for an answer!

Favorite quotation?

"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." Ruth Bader Ginsburg

About Soula

"My husband and I both love being outdoors. We launch our kayaks from the Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park and can spend hours just exploring. There are so many beautiful parks and public spaces here and in neighboring Detroit, which is what drew me to the Downtown Detroit Partnership and that work.

Also, family is important to me. I have dinner with my dad every Sunday. We watch football or a movie and we catch up. I wouldn't be where I am today without him. He told me that I could be anything I wanted to be. Thinking about a Greek man of his generation with only a daughter ... this was an amazing way to grow up."

Soula and husband Patrick are parents to Brittany, Peter and Demetri. In her free time, she enjoys painting and restoring old furniture, cooking and live theater.



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In the living room, a Tony Duquette piece stands beside the fireplace; lamp shades in the living room are by Pointe Lamp and Lighting

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By Lauren McGregor

Seth Romine and Laura Hernandez-Romine were living in New York City when the time came to think about schools for their son, Fernando.

“I told Laura, if you want a charming life by the water, for far cheaper, we should move to Grosse Pointe,” says Romine,

Global Director of Commercials at Google. Romine grew up just down the street from their current home.

The couple found the 1930s beauty in 2012. “It was abandoned, vacant for months. The windows were cracked, there was a lot of lead, the roof was a mess, there were holes in the floor.” But, Romine laughs, “we fell in love with the

house.”

Their neighbors have been perhaps the best part about buying the house. A street laden with a sense of community, plenty of children and regular block parties offered son Fernando, 12, the kind of childhood Romine enjoyed.

And so the couple set out to restore the house to the family home it once was — not only in maintaining the original footprint, but also with respect to a time before televisions dominated fireplace mantels.

“We entertain a lot, play games, eat dinner in the dining room at least two or three times a week,” says Romine. While they do have a television, it is relegated to the basement.

To achieve a circular flow for

entertaining, the Romines connected the four seasons room (their “dining porch”) and the kitchen. Now, they can carry meals directly from the kitchen onto the dining porch for spring and summertime dinners.

The kitchen underwent two renovations, the most recent with the help of The Blake Company/Mutschler Kitchens.

“The atmosphere is greenhouse meets butler’s pantry,” says Romine. The room features glass upper cabinets and hidden refrigeration and freezer.

“There are zones to the kitchen, which I think is important,” with space for every type of endeavor, from prepping to cooking to socializing.

“I wanted an airy, elegant way of entertaining. I didn’t want to see appliances or a refrigerator, no disruption in the plane of vision.”

The overall goal was to create a sense

“The space ... inspires conversation and community.”



of peace and space. This included brightening each room by painting the dark wood trim white and implementing a calming palette.

Romine’s favorite room is the living room. “I constantly go there to relax. The space also inspires conversation and community.”

Most furniture has been acquired slowly over the last 20 to 30 years, many of the pieces coming from New York flea markets.

A favorite piece is the Modern Waterfall Style Inlaid Console Table by Bill Sofield for Baker Furniture. Another treasure is the sideboard in the living room. Acquired from a since closed antique store on Mack, the piece has traveled with Romine since 1996.

The best example, though, of Romine’s

interior design sensibilities is the Andre Arbus for Baker Furniture chair, with its sloping arms and straight legs.

“There is a hard and curve to everything,” Romine says. “I let shape drive the design. The contrasts of the masculine and feminine shapes play off each other in a fun way.”

The conversation is mirrored in the couple’s tastes as well. Romine explains the colors of the home are inspired by Laura’s Puerto Rican roots, with subtle hues drawn from the sea and sand. As SVP Head of Media at Victoria’s Secret, she also has an eye for design.

Art is a central theme of the home — and runs in the family. Romine’s brother, Aaron Romine, is an artist represented in New York by the Kravets Wehby Gallery. The small landscape over the fireplace was painted by Laura’s uncle. And young Fernando’s artistic talent shows he has



Left, the dining porch; below, examples of Aaron Romine's work in the dining room and living room



inherited the gene as well.

Aaron Romine's work appears in nearly every room. From a color block painting in the corner of the living room to another in the upstairs office to a largescale figurative painting in the dining room.

Because he is known primarily for his realist paintings, the eclectic mix of abstract styles Aaron has painted for

the home reflects an ongoing dialogue between the two brothers.

"I encourage him to experiment and express himself," says Romine. "It is an interesting relationship of artists from different lenses, an understanding of how each other works."

Artistically speaking, Romine returned to school 15 years ago to study at the New York School of Interior Design.

"I'm headed back this fall to earn my bachelor's degree."

He has collaborated on professional projects and taken an active role in creating innovative pieces for his home. For example, Romine employed the expertise of Pat Casey of Mack Avenue Drapery & Interiors for all window treatments and pillows.

"We created a new, reverse pleat for the drapery," says Romine. He laughs, "Or at least, we have never seen it."

Creativity, Romine says, is something that should be afforded to all. In fact, art is so important to the Romines that they opened Atelier GP Kitchenware in The Village as a way to raise money for arts education. All revenue is donated to arts education programs or used to stock the store.

"It is an Art of Living concept," Romine says of the items available at Atelier. "Everything can be part of a thoughtful moment. Whether it is a cup or a pan — these are all part of the art of caring for people."

In the family's home, this attention to detail and craftsmanship is obvious in the unique choice of wallpaper.

Scalamandré is widely used in the house. Its Arrow Root Grass Cloth covers




Left, Laura's office, featuring a color block painting by Aaron Romine and furniture by Barbara Barry and Laura Kirar; above, a painting of "the only photo" that came out of the couple's wedding 20 years ago, hangs in their bedroom

the living room walls. Upstairs, in Fernando's bedroom are the iconic Scalamandr  Zebra. And in the first floor powder room, Scalamandr 's Jardin De Chine. In other rooms, the walls wear Schumaker Sisal and Ralph Lauren Sisal.

"Each room has a certain energy, but no specific style, which I love about it," says Romine. "It is as if the rooms have been greyed out, like a veil over everything. With gold accents that give it energy and a sense of history."

Though Romine feels their current home is done, renovations continue elsewhere. "We are renovating our apartment in New York City, a 1929 one-bedroom for retirement."

And, as expected, the Romines plan to renovate with respect to the property's history. 



Clockwise from top left, Scalamandr  Zebra in Fernando's room; exterior with limestone entrance; rear of the house after connecting the kitchen and dining porch; rear of the house before





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Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission Flower Sale

By Lauren McGregor

The highly anticipated Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission Flower Sale returns just in time for Mother’s Day — Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7.

While the hanging baskets are the most conspicuous items to passersby, shoppers can also find flats, pots, specialty containers and compost from the Department of Public Works.

“The compost is off to the side, and many people don’t realize it,” says Beautification Commission member Gloria Arslanian. “It’s the same compost used in the Woods medians and public spaces. It’s like gold.”

She adds, “We also offer a variety



Photos by Lauren McGregor



of perennials, which are becoming more popular for those that want to see plantings that come up yearly after planting just once.”

For advice about the flowers and more, Master Gardeners will be on site to help shoppers. Commission members, Grosse Pointe North National Honor Society students and other volunteers will be available to load cars.

“We went with a new vendor last year and were so pleased. The quality was outstanding,” says Arslanian. In fact, it was a sellout year. “We also changed the layout of the sale in recent years.”

Shoppers are able to shop on pavement in front of Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Center, as opposed to past years when many of the plants were sold on the grass. In early May, that can make for a muddy ordeal.

“We also have wagons available for shoppers’ use,” she adds.

Flower Sale proceeds mostly go to honoring residents and businesses at a November banquet hosted by the

Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission.


“We select homes in the area that have gone above and beyond in taking care of their homes. The sale pays for the banquet as well as the commemorative stakes awarded to the honorees.” Remaining proceeds go toward beautifying the city, such as planting flowers in the medians.

But the real reason for the sale, says Arslanian, is that “We want to see our community and our city bloom.”

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Presales could open as early as mid-March for those who would like to pick up orders on Thursday, May 5. “People can pull up in the driveway and commission members will load the order into your car. We also offer free delivery on flowers if a minimum is spent.”

The sale will take place in front of Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Center Friday, May 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Create & grow

By Lina Bowman

Here comes spring! This is the season of planting seeds, both literally and figuratively. Using the Seasons of Your Life framework, we begin with Creating and Growing wealth. Not only do we need to save money for our future, but we also need to grow this money in the most tax-efficient way possible. Throughout the process we also need to keep up with inflation. After all, what's important is not just what you make, but what you keep.



Before you finalize your taxes, see if you can contribute to an IRA. There's still time to save on your 2021 tax returns with either a traditional IRA or, if you're self-employed, a SEP IRA. For tax-free savings later, open and fund a Roth IRA. While you won't get a tax deduction today, follow the rules and in retirement you'll have a tax-free, bountiful harvest. If your income precludes you from saving in these accounts, there are still several other options we can explore.

But what if you're already retired and/or receiving RMDs (required minimum deductions)? While you may not be working to make money, your hard-earned savings better be! Keeping money in the bank may feel comfortable, but if you're not making at least what inflation is taking, then you're losing money safely. Even in retirement, there are many strategies that can help you grow your nest-egg.

Creating and Growing wealth requires planning, tax-smart investing, and discipline. Working with a wealth manager can help you get and stay on course.

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Where have all the rentals gone?

By Anna Bartolotta

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Stretch yourself

By Ken Welch

Are you stretching enough? Probably not. When we're younger, especially if you were an athlete involved in a sport, stretching was something you did as part of your training routine.

As we go through life and age, it seems we get further away from doing one of the healthiest, least time-consuming activities we can do for ourselves. Even those who work out on a regular basis — strength training, cardio or yoga — treat a consistent, concentrated stretching plan as an afterthought.



Our muscles get tighter as we get older. A majority of people I've talked to who complain about having a bad back, unless diagnosed with an actual nerve or spine issue, are really talking about very tight back muscles that's causing them pain.

Muscles that aren't warmed up or stiff from lack of flexibility are primed for injury and soreness when put into sudden use. Likewise, inactivity like sitting for long periods or driving can have the same hurtful effect. You can stretch yourself out of that discomfort.

Young people should be stretching also, it's not just an age thing. They should know the difference between a static stretch and a dynamic stretch. They should learn how to fit 5-10 minutes of effective stretching into their day. They should learn how to make this a lifelong habit.

All of us can do this. You don't have to be good at stretching to get better at it. You can get started right away with just a few simple moves.

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Heartburn

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

Heartburn is a burning sensation that starts in the middle of your upper abdomen and travels up into the middle of the chest. It occurs when acid from the stomach travels up the esophagus, the tube that transports food from the mouth into the stomach (“acid reflux”).



Greasy, fatty foods often cause heartburn. However, many relatively healthy foods can as well: dark chocolate, tomatoes, coffee, sparkling water, and citrus fruits.

Stress, smoking and being overweight also worsen heartburn. It can be accompanied by belching and nausea. It can also be severe enough to cause a sore throat, cough or hoarse voice. The pain of heartburn can be mild or so severe that it can be mistaken for a heart attack.

If heartburn occurs a few times a week, start with changing what you eat. Furthermore, avoid lying down within two hours of eating, don't overeat or wear tight clothes.

Antacids (Tums, Rolaids, Maalox, baking soda) give immediate relief for occasional symptoms. If the symptoms occur often, move up to acid reducers such as Pepcid twice a day. If after two weeks the symptoms persist, change to medicines that inhibit acid production such as Prilosec, Nexium and Prevacid. Unless directed by your doctor, these “Proton Pump Inhibitors” must not be taken for more than 2-3 weeks because lack of acid impairs digestion and nutrition.

If problems still persist, see your doctor. Unintentional weight loss, fatigue, vomiting or difficulty swallowing all need to be evaluated by your doctor.

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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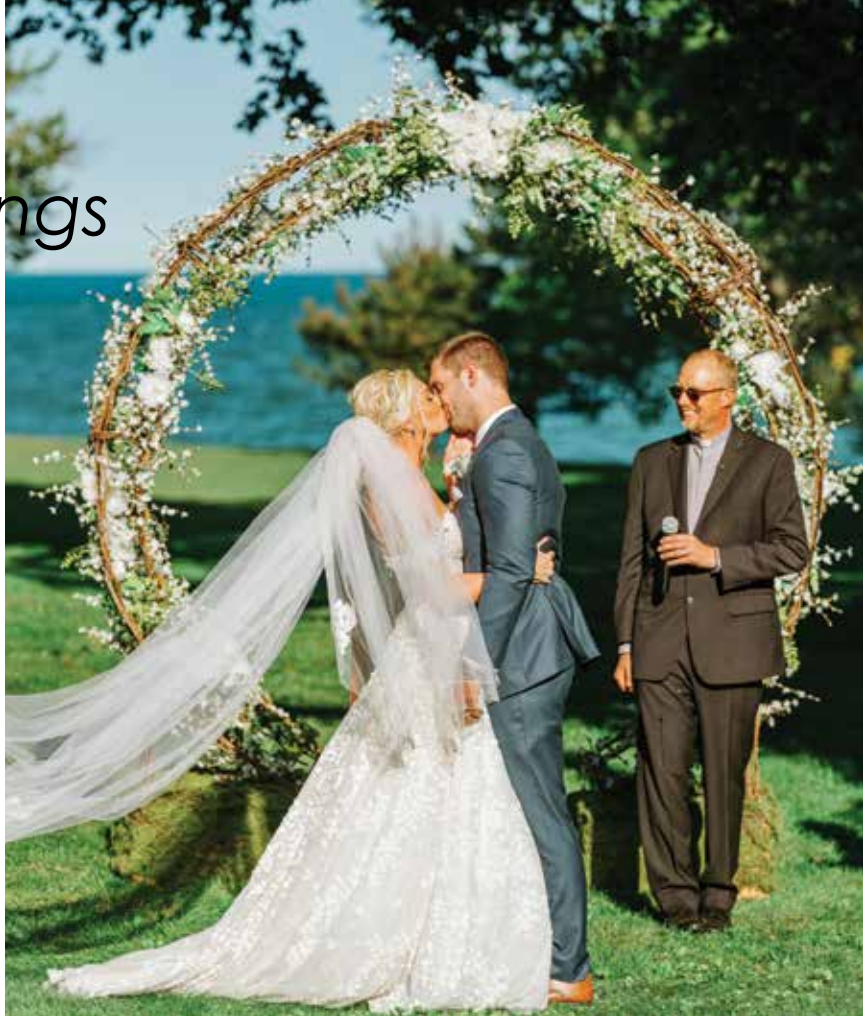


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Two weddings

on The Grosse Pointe Academy lawn separated by half a century



By Margie Reins Smith

Jane Keough Davies has been a wedding planner for more than 50 years. Last September, she was at St. Paul’s on the Lake when she noticed preparations for a wedding reception on The Grosse Pointe Academy’s lawn.

“It occurred to me that my wedding was the first ever on that lawn,” she says, “50 years ago, almost to the day.” Jane introduced herself to Danielle DeGrande Roberts, the mother of the bride-to-be. Jane and Danielle began comparing the two weddings — separated by a half century — on the same lawn. To Jane’s surprise, Danielle invited her to return for a photo with the bride on the day of the ceremony.

“My wedding was quite modest compared to weddings today,” Jane says. “I worked at The Academy as secretary to the headmaster. I designed my own gown and my mother and I made it. I also made my cathedral-length lace-edged veil.”

Jane and her husband were married on Aug. 28, 1971, in The Academy’s

chapel. “It rained — poured, actually — the day before and most of the morning on the day of our ceremony. But the ground soaked it up, the sun came out and by 3 p.m. it had turned into a beautiful day.”

Callan Roberts and Tyler Wagner were married on an equally gorgeous day, Sept. 18, 2021 — 50 years later. “The weather was flawless,” Callan says. “Seventy-two degrees, sunny, with a light breeze.”

Callan’s dress was a Galia Lahav design and her veil was a family heirloom, worn by her mother and her godmother.

Jane’s wedding included two bridesmaids and two groomsmen. She gave the groom a last-minute haircut on the day before the wedding and used her office at The Academy as a dressing room.

Callan and Tyler had nine bridesmaids, nine groomsmen, two ushers and a ring-bearer. Viviano Flower Shop designed the bouquets for both weddings.



Photos by Beth Joy Photography

Top left, Jane Keough Davies on The Grosse Pointe Academy lawn on Aug. 28, 1971; top right, Callan Roberts and Tyler Wagner’s wedding on The Grosse Pointe Academy lawn on Sept. 18, 2021; above, Roberts’s mother, Danielle DeGrande Roberts dancing at the tented reception on the lawn

Callan says, “My bridesmaids wore long sage green gowns with metal beading. After I chose the dresses, we found out the design had been discontinued. My mother and I made phone calls all over the country to track down a dress for each bridesmaid.”

Jane and her husband, who are both Irish, met through their membership in the Gaelic League. Callan and Tyler met seven years ago online. She was a senior at Wellesley College and he was finishing his PhD at MIT.

Both brides followed some of the usual traditions: “I had a penny in my shoe — an Irish coin,” Jane says. “And I wore my grandmother’s gold and diamond engagement pin.” Callan’s penny kept slipping out of her open-toed shoe, so she put it in her purse. She carried a handkerchief more than 100 years old.

Some 100 guests at Jane’s reception enjoyed the music of an Irish band. About 230 people danced in a tent at Callan and Tyler’s wedding. “We had a wooden floor in the tent, but it was



Above left, Jane Keough Davies and Callan Roberts on Roberts's wedding day, Sept. 18, 2021

covered with green turf, so it looked like grass. Our DJ was Project 11:11.”

Neither couple had a proper honeymoon. Jane said school was about to start and she had to work. “Our guests came from all over the country and we wanted to stay around to visit with them.” Callan and Tyler had planned a trip to Australia and New

Zealand, but COVID-19 restrictions caused them to postpone it.

Neither bride recalled any major mishaps. No garbled vows; no forgotten rings; no inappropriate toasts.

“Just one minor thing,” Callan says. “Both of the straps on my dress broke while we were dancing. But we had some safety pins in an emergency kit.”



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Throw a 'Destination Wedding' *aboard the Infinity or Ovation* By Susan Bollinger



Where can you throw a destination wedding without leaving the city? Come aboard the Infinity and Ovation yachts for an immersive experience that takes the bride, groom and all their guests on a 4-hour vacation.

“A wedding on the yachts is special,” says Steve Rybicki, president, Infinity & Ovation Yacht Charters. “We cruise along the downtown Detroit skyline with views of the bridge, Canada, and the shores of Grosse Pointe. The photo opportunities are truly ‘Instagrammable.’”

Couples can be married on the yachts or on the waterfront in St. Clair Shores or the Port Detroit Waterview Loft, then board the



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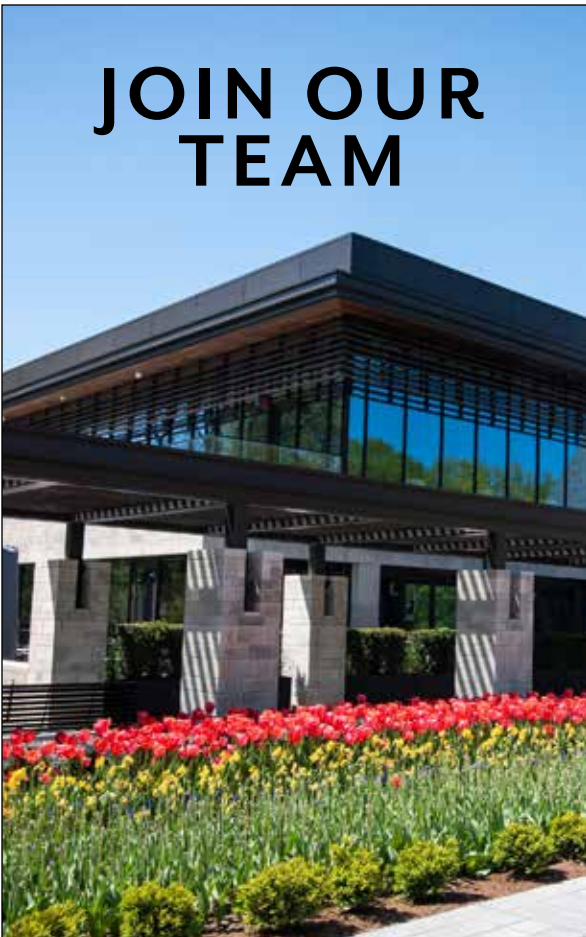
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yacht for the reception. Both yachts have multiple decks and indoor and outdoor spaces. The Ovation is designed for groups up to 300, and the more intimate Infinity accommodates up to 130 guests.

All-inclusive wedding packages bring together carefully curated wedding vendors. “We’ve done the legwork and take care of the logistics using the best-of-the-best vendors, including florists, bakeries, photography and videography, decorators and live music and DJ entertainment,” says Rybicki, who notes that everything is customizable.

Each level of the yachts offers a unique experience, from formal dining and a swanky lounge vibe to open-air dancing on the top deck. Cameras and big screens on each deck unify the party so no one misses a single moment. “Come for a tour to see the scale of the yachts,” offers Rybicki.

The chefs aboard both vessels prepare fresh-out-of-the-oven food. “Everything is cooked in our on-board galleys,” reveals Rybicki. “Our food and service are what we are really known for. The yachts are perfect for strolling menus and different courses on each level.”

Rybicki is also senior vice president of Continental Dining & Refreshments, which operates the dining service for



the yachts, Ford House, Detroit Opera House Sky Deck and Waterview Loft at Port Detroit. Engagement parties and showers are available at those venues, as well.

Many Pointers remember their first jobs aboard the yachts. “We hire energetic and outgoing young people for our culinary and bartending programs, service and wait staff, and for those with sailing skills, our deck crew. Experience isn’t important — we train everyone. Year-round opportunities are available in sales and operations and at the Continental’s other venues,” says Rybicki.

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The Grosse Pointe wedding of John & Michelle Gillis

John and Michelle Gillis, of Grosse Pointe Woods, were married on May 7, 2021 at The War Memorial.

The Love Story

How did you meet?

John: We worked together at a law firm. I was a law clerk studying for the bar exam and she was a paralegal that I would often deliver legal documents for. One day, I noticed she had received flowers. She stated that they were from her friends to celebrate her birthday. I invited her to have a drink to celebrate her birthday following work, to which she politely declined, but she provided me with her phone number and invited me to meet up with her the following night. We hung out the following night and began dating shortly thereafter.

What do you love most about one another?

John: Michelle is one of the most thoughtful people you will ever meet. She is a very caring, loving individual which she exemplifies as a wife and as a mother. We also make a great team. In some ways we are alike, but in other ways we are total opposites. This helps create a balance that evens us both out.

Michelle: John is an extremely sweet person. He is one of the friendliest people you will ever meet and I love watching him with our children.



Share the proposal story!

John: The proposal occurred on Christmas Eve while reading *The Polar Express* with Michelle and our two oldest daughters. Growing up, my family would read *The Polar Express* every Christmas Eve and that was something I continued with Michelle's daughters when we began dating. In the

story, the main character is a young boy who receives 'the first gift of Christmas.' At that point in the story, I paused and stated that I would like to give the first gift of Christmas. I got on one knee and proposed to Michelle. Thankfully, she said yes and made it a Christmas we will never forget.

Photos by Melissa Scargall



What was your favorite moment of the wedding?

John: It's hard to pick! I really enjoyed the ceremony itself. It began by walking out to a room full of people you know and love; that itself is special. But the real highlight was exchanging our vows and officially becoming man and wife. Not only did I marry the woman that I love, but I gained two amazing daughters in the process!



How did you adjust plans for the pandemic?

We scaled back the number of guests and moved up the time of the event. We originally



envisioned having over one hundred guests in Fall 2021. We ended up with 22 guests in Spring 2021.

Was this difficult?

John: Yes. We had to sacrifice having any friends and many family members as well. It was particularly difficult not

having the groom's party comprised of my closest friends in attendance.

Were there any surprising positives?

Yes. Having a smaller group of guests allowed us to take the time to have conversation with each of our guests



rather than rushing from table to table to make sure everyone is greeted.


What was the overall theme you were looking to express on your special day?

We wanted something very simple, yet elegant and romantic. We added



different textures, lots of creams/whites, greenery and wooden elements.

What has been the best part of married life?

John: There is something comforting about making things ‘official.’ Michelle and I already shared a life together (home, children, finances, etc.), but marriage felt like the missing piece that made us whole. Sharing your life with the person you love makes everything more enjoyable. We recently welcomed a baby girl into the world and we, along with her two sisters, could not be more excited about the addition to our family! 



It's all in the details

Parents of the Groom: John and Carol Gillis
Parents of the Bride: Gerald and Kathleen Umlauf
Ceremony and Reception Location:
The War Memorial
Photographer: Melissa Scargall
Florist: The Rust Belt Market, St. Clair Shores
Caterer: The War Memorial
Dress Designer: David's Bridal
Menswear: Brooks Brothers
Jeweler: Maloof; Shinola
First Dance Song: “Say You Won't Let Go”
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HOW DO YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE INSPIRED?



Dear Friends -

It is a dynamic time at The War Memorial, filled with hope, aspirations and a fearlessness not seen in society for some time. We have missed you and we look forward to a return to a new normal in the not-too-distant future. As you can see from the pages ahead, we have been busy - whether it is our refreshed in-person programming, our expanded commitment to democracy, our online programming reaching nationwide, or of course our new state of the art Fred M. Alger Center for Arts, Culture, and Humanities at The War Memorial.

This is a time of inspiration. We are inspired by the possibility of our new facility, we are inspired by the pace of progress led by Frank Rewold & Sons, we are inspired by the architectural design of ROSSETTI, and we, are inspired by the deeper partnership this project will create for our community, *you*.

But through our lens of inspiration, it's always remarkable to remember that the historic core of our expanding facility is a home, the Alger home.

The Alger home is a place that proudly welcomes all people from everywhere. We are inspired by our cherished partnerships such as the Grosse Pointe Garden Center who proudly celebrates three anniversaries this year, its *70th Anniversary of the Trial Gardens*, *30th Annual Garden Tour*, and *10th Anniversary of its Veterans Garden*. Additionally, we are inspired by our friends and resident partners of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association and its extensive art-based opportunities available to community members and programming for Veterans. We welcome all, we celebrate you!

We invite you to join us this spring, whether it's enjoying a savory dinner with our executive chef, waltzing the night away during a ballroom class, or perhaps being serenaded at a *Live at the Alger* concert experience, take your pick, or enjoy them all.

We thank you for your continued support, we thank you for your patronage that allows us to continue to expand our mission, and we thank you for choosing to *be inspired* at The War Memorial.

With gratitude,

Charles Burke
President and CEO, The War Memorial

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Late in 2019, The War Memorial embarked on a journey to build a more inspired future. With our construction project underway, we are thrilled to provide a newly redesigned, state-of-the-art venue for arts and culture, as well as a unique gathering place unlike anything in the Midwest. Significant progress continues to be made to The Fred M. Alger Center for Arts, Culture, and Humanities. Apart from the giant crane and new colonnade (both very visible from the street), interior construction is underway and taking shape!

- All the precast has officially been installed! The colonnade, which is what is visible from the street, has been completed. We've also added the new terrace off the back of the ballroom.
- All CMU (concrete masonry unit) has been installed. This includes both the egress to the stairs and the new addition to the Fries building.
- The new footprint of the addition, especially the new foyer, community room, and reflection space, is beginning to take shape.
- Once the team completes the interior work, drywall installation can begin, and the shape and official structure of the building will come together!



The Waterside Park

The waterside park will wrap the ballroom building with contemporary glass and add a substantial outdoor patio that will descend into a lakefront boardwalk.



The New Main Entryway

Wrapped in Indiana limestone, the columns of the new promenade structure are reminiscent of soldiers marching in rhythmic sequence, inspired by the monumentality and quality of the Lincoln Memorial. It will serve as a lightning rod of hope for generations to come.

Keep up with the latest construction progress including, aerial shots and footage as well as updates from the construction team at www.warmemorial.org/future.

Photos and video courtesy of Frank Rewold & Sons.

THIS SPRING

At The War Memorial

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY! Classes, activities, and trips must meet minimum attendance requirements; full refunds will be issued for events canceled due to low enrollment.

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Friday, April 22

TIME 6:30pm
VIP Cocktails
7:30pm
Concert

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SPORTS AND GAMES

FENCING SESSIONS

March 28-May 2
May 9-June 13

BEGINNER FENCING

Mondays, 6-6:45pm

INTERMEDIATE FENCING

Mondays, 6:45-7:30pm

ADULT FENCING

Mondays, 7:30-8:15pm

BICYCLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm
April 28 & May 26

MUSIC AND DANCE

LATIN CLUB DANCING

Wednesdays, 6-7pm
March 9-April 13
April 20-May 25

INTRODUCTION TO SALSA DANCING

Wednesdays, 7-8pm
March 9-April 13
April 20-May 25

BEGINNING BALLROOM DANCE

Thursdays, 7-8pm

TANGO & CHA CHA

March 3-April 7

WALTZ & RUMBA

April 21-May 26

INTERMEDIATE BALLROOM DANCE

Thursdays, 8:15-9:15pm

SWING

March 3-April 7

CHA CHA

April 21-May 26

LA DANSE ORIENTALE: THE ART OF BELLY DANCING - BEGINNER

Wednesdays, 7-8pm
March 9-April 13

LA DANSE ORIENTALE: THE ART OF BELLY DANCING - INTERMEDIATE

Wednesdays, 8-9pm
March 9-April 13

LINE DANCING

February 23-March 30
April 13-May 18

HEALTH, AND WELLNESS

SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

Thursday, 6:30-8:30PM
March 31

TAI CHI AND QI GONG

Wednesday, 12:00-1:00pm
April 13-May 18

TAI CHI AND QI GONG

Thursdays 6-7pm
April 14-May 19

ADULT AND PEDIATRIC CPR/AED/FIRST AID

Thursday, 6-9:30pm
May 19

ART, CRAFTS, AND HOBBIES

LEARN TO PAINT LIKE BOB ROSS

Friday, 6-9pm
April 1

YOUTH AND FAMILY

LIL' DUMPLINS PRE-BALLET (AGES 2.5-5 YEARS)

Wednesdays, 10-10:45am
March 16-April 20
May 4-June 8

Saturdays, 11-11:45am
March 19-April 23

CHESS WIZARDS (GRADE 1-5)

Thursdays, 5-6pm
March 17-May 26

CERTIFIED BABYSITTER SAFETY WITH OPTIONAL CERTIFIED PET SITTER (AGES 9+)

Saturday, 9am-3pm
March 26 & May 22

TINKERGARDEN (AGES 18 MO-8 YEARS)

Tuesdays
10:30am and 1:30pm

FREE TRIAL DAY

March 22

SPRING CREATIVITY SERIES

April 5-May 31

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Saturday, 10am-12pm

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April 16

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At The War Memorial

The Ideals that Built a Nation

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ANDREW LAPIN:

RADIOACTIVE: THE FATHER COUGHLIN STORY



Lapin will discuss his podcast, "Radioactive" which tells the 1930s story of how radio broadcasts by Royal Oak-based Father Charles Coughlin took the so-called "Radio Priest" to national prominence as a demagogic figure of the American right. Lapin also tells the story of Coughlin's even faster fall as rise of European fascism revealed the true nature and broader implications of the priest's politics.

WHEN **Wednesday, March 16**

TIME **7pm Talk**
(Online and Free)

AJ BAIME:

WHITE LIES: THE DOUBLE LIFE OF WALTER F. WHITE AND AMERICA'S DARKEST SECRET



The War Memorial will close out its winter 2022 series of American Democracy live with an in-person event featuring author AJ Baime. The event will include a VIP Reception, copy of Baime's new book, and discussion.

**Visit our website for registration details.*

WHEN **Wednesday, April 20**

TIME **6pm VIP Reception**
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7pm Talk (In Person and Online)

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WHEN **Wednesday, April 27**

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Meet Sophia



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Name: **Sophia Lynn Solomon**

Age: **10 months**

Parents: **Tommy & Megan Solomon**

City: **Grosse Pointe Woods**

First words:

Baba, Mama and Dada

Cute fact:

We think it is the cutest when she talks, laughs and smiles.

Favorite Activity:

She loves her animal jungle play mat. There is a song that plays while she is on her mat that's her favorite — "The Animals Play All Day."

About Sophia in Mommy and Daddy's words

Mommy and Daddy love Sophia so much. She melts our hearts. She has these beautiful blue eyes that we love staring into. Sophia is a fast crawler and is now picking herself up to stand. She is a very happy baby and we are so blessed and thankful that she has come into our lives.

Meet Sebastian

Name: **Sebastian Chorney**

Age: **9**

City: **Grosse Pointe Woods**

Parents: **Kandace Chorney**

Siblings: **Alexander, 12**

Favorites

Outdoor Activity:

Tag

Food:

Hot dogs

Book:

It by Stephen King

Game:

Grand Theft Auto

Vacation:

Tampa

School Subject:

Math

Thing to do with family:

Spend time

What do you want to be when you grow up? **Actor or NHL goalie**

Who is your hero and why? **My brother Alexander and Juuse Saros because they are both goalies and Alexander is my brother and I love him.**

What is your favorite thing about going to school? **Friends**



About Sebastian

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Meet Miles



Name	Miles Murray
Age	17
City	Grosse Pointe
School	Grosse Pointe South
Siblings	Peyton, 22
Parent	Kimberley Cole-Murray

Miles's Favorites

School Subject

Math

Book

My Side of the Mountain

Movie

Spy Kids

Musical Artist

MF Doom and Earl Sweatshirt

Outdoor Activity

Running

Food

Burgers

Vacation

Florida

Teacher

Mr. Palen

Extracurricular Activity

Track and field

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

I am double jointed in all my fingers. I would like to learn how to speak Japanese.

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

An infinite source of money; To be able to experience the world of any TV show or movie; To earn All State in track this year

If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Europe

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I was accepted to every school I applied to. Also, making it to States for track.

What is your favorite quality about yourself?

I am very self aware.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Graduating from college with a job in place. Living my best life.

About Miles

“I am a young, intelligent Black man, strong and secure in myself. I love to be active and to be challenged. I have high aspirations for myself and my future.”



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Carrot Cake

Ingredients

- 2 1/4 cups** flour
- 1 tsp.** baking soda
- 1/2 tsp.** salt
- 1 tsp.** cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp.** baking powder
- 1 cup** vegetable oil
- 1 1/4 cups** sugar
- 3** eggs
- 1 1/2 cups** carrots, shredded
- 1 cup** crushed pineapple with juice
- 2/3 cup** walnuts

Frosting Ingredients

- 2 packages** (8 ounces each) cream cheese
- 3/4 cup** butter, softened
- 1 tsp.** vanilla extract
- 5 1/2 cups** powdered sugar

Directions

1. Heat oven to 350 F.
2. In large bowl, sift flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and baking powder
3. In mixing bowl, cream together oil and sugar
4. Add eggs one at a time. Gradually add in carrots and crushed pineapple
5. Add dry mixture to wet ingredients and beat until

- smooth. Fold in walnuts
6. Pour batter into two lightly greased 8-inch round cake pans and bake 25-30 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.
7. Cool cakes completely. Remove cakes from pans and slice off tops to level cakes
8. To make frosting: In mixing bowl, cream together cream cheese, butter and vanilla. Gradually add in powdered sugar and mix until smooth
9. Spread two large spoonfuls frosting over top of one cake and stack second cake on top. Frost entire cake with remaining frosting



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Grosse Pointe-owned swim school teaches life skill and competitive technique

By Lauren McGregor



Owner Suzette Atrasz helps Suntastic Swim School swimmers

Almost exactly one year ago, Suntastic Swim School reopened after a pandemic-induced shutdown. “I was

shocked by how many people came back,” owner Suzette Atrasz says. “The first three days, I made a welcome announcement for every class. All the parents were clapping, so excited to be back. I was in tears.”

Atrasz, of Grosse Pointe Farms, started Suntastic Swim School in 2014, offering group lessons at Lakeview High School in St. Clair

Shores, private lessons at home pools, and lifeguard services for private events.

“We live in a state where water is everywhere. Swimming is a life skill. It should never be a choice to not learn to swim,” she says. “The kids might cry, but they need to learn this, just like potty training.”

Her goal, Atrasz says, is to progress the swimmers at a fast rate. “The biggest reward is knowing I’m truly helping the kids. It brings me a lot of joy.”

Along with being a full time teacher at Chippewa Valley High School and single mom to Sophia, 17, and Stanton, 13, Atrasz is involved in all areas of the business, attending group lessons at Lakeview High School, running social media accounts, and teaching the ‘Champ’ group lessons.

As a feeder program for USA Swimming, Suntastic readies swimmers for competitive swimming. “Many of the kids who swim for Grosse Pointe Gators, for example,



Photos courtesy of Suntastic Swim School

“We live in a state where water is everywhere. Swimming is a life skill. It should never be a choice to not learn to swim.”



swam for Suntastic.”

Atrasz herself is a lifelong Grosse Pointe swimmer who swam Division 1 at Eastern Michigan University. Her coaching experience spans high school, USA Swimming and Michigan Inter-Club Swimming Association teams.

Atrasz’s daughter, Sophia, has followed in her mother’s footsteps, recently earning All State status in the 200 Freestyle and 500 Freestyle, along with breaking the Grosse Pointe South High School record for 500 Freestyle.

Like Sophia, most instructors are local swim team members and high school students trained by Atrasz and her supervisor Sumer St. Germaine. Each has CPR/First Aid; Lifeguard Instruction; and Water Safety Instructor certifications. “They are energetic, love kids, love to teach, engage with swimmers and create an inviting environment for children who are scared,” says Atrasz.

In total, Suntastic has taught over 3,000 children in the area, including children with special needs.

In the spring and summer,

Suntastic focuses on private lessons at home pools. “We bring swim school to your home for private group lessons at residences all over southeast Michigan,” says Atrasz.

Registration for the spring lessons at Lakeview High School opens in early March. Lessons begin Monday, April 4. Early registration is highly recommended, as classes fill quickly.

For questions about private lessons and more, email info@suntasticswimschool.com. Visit suntasticswimschool.com for registration and information. Follow on Instagram @suntastic_swim_school. [📱](#)



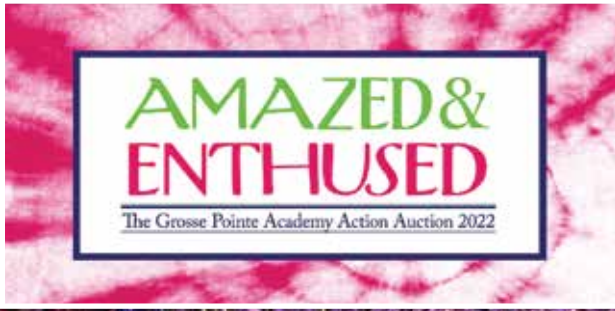


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By Anne Erickson

The Grosse Pointe Academy’s 2022 Action Auction is set for May 7 at The Grosse Pointe Academy Fieldhouse with the inspiring theme of “Amazed & Enthused” — a nod to the school’s students and teachers.

The fundraising event, now in its 54th year, provides the school with resources needed to fulfill its mission of nurturing, challenging and inspiring each child through updates to and the addition of new learning spaces, faculty professional development, education programming, playground and athletic facility improvement, technology and much more. Funds raised during the 2021 Auction Paddle Raise led directly to the construction of a new greenhouse learning space for students.

“Independent schools do not receive any state or local funding, so they have to rely on fundraising,” says Emily Scupholm, Director of Development at The Academy. “Action Auction is our biggest fundraiser and provides essential funds to ensure The Academy

continues to remain at the forefront of providing an engaging learning environment.”

Annie and Brian Green, parents of two students at The Academy, are chairs of the 2022 event.

“The Grosse Pointe Academy has given my boys an amazing and incredible education,” Annie says. “My family has a long history with The Academy, and it has always felt like home to us and our boys. We have met so many incredible families and made wonderful friends.”

“Throughout COVID-19, enrollment has increased substantially, and we are grateful to have so many new families,” Brian adds. “Being chairs was an opportunity for us to show how much we appreciate the school. We are looking forward to putting our stamp on this year’s event and having a fun and successful Action Auction.”

The Auction will include live entertainment from the Mega 80’s, a super-hot, fun ‘80s cover band. They will perform after the live auction,

between 10 p.m. and midnight.

The silent and live auction items will not disappoint. As in years past, attendees can look forward to bidding on beautiful pieces from Edmund T. AHEE jewelers, as well as fun experiences for all.

Action Auction’s Raffle Sponsor, Neiman Marcus, has donated “A Season of Shoes & Handbags.” The winner of the “Season” receives the opportunity to visit the store every month for three months and take home a new handbag and pair of shoes, as well as other goodies, such as lunch and a fashion show.

While Action Auction promises to be a fun night, the real treasure is how the event impacts the students and faculty every day. “The Auction helps to create a brighter future and gives the tools, products and services to provide for the students and faculty,” Scupholm says, “giving them the latest in technology and resources to educate our children in the best way possible.”

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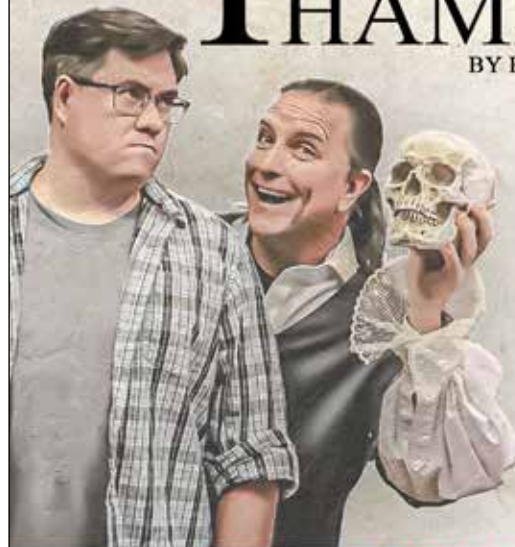


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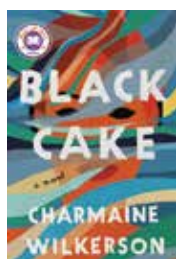
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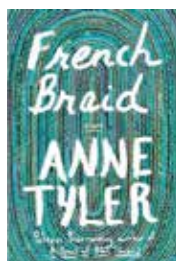
For the March-April issue, Reference Librarian Priscilla Burns shares her recent book recommendations:



Black Cake
By Charmaine Wilkerson

Eleanor Bennett's death leaves behind a puzzling inheritance for her two children: a traditional Caribbean black cake and a voice

recording sharing her story as a young swimmer who left the island under suspicions of murder. The two estranged siblings must set aside their differences to deal with their mother's death and uncover her hidden past. Evocative, with beautifully written descriptions of Caribbean food, surfing and coastal terrain, *Black Cake* is an extraordinary journey through the life of a family.

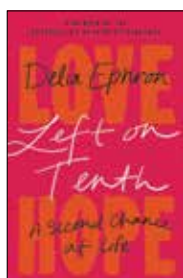


French Braid
By Anne Tyler

The Garretts take their first and last family vacation in the summer of 1959. They hardly ever venture beyond Baltimore, yet are far apart in other

ways. Mercy follows her aspirations to be a painter, drifting from her husband, Robin. Their teenage daughters, steady Alice and boy-crazy Lily, have opposite personalities, and their youngest, David, is dreamily intent on escaping. Their influences on one another ripple through each generation. *French Braid* is full of warmth and humor,

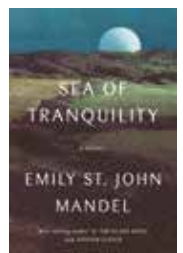
illuminating the connections in even the unlikeliest families.



Left on Tenth: A Second Chance at Life
By Delia Ephron

The novelist, playwright and screenwriter Delia Ephron lost her sister Nora and then

her husband Jerry to cancer. A New York Times op-ed she wrote on the frustrations of attempting to shut down her late husband's landline caught the attention of Peter, a Bay Area psychiatrist, who emailed her to commiserate. She responded and there were sparks . . . but this was not a rom-com and four months later she was diagnosed with AML, the leukemia that had killed Nora. Ephron enchants as she seesaws us between the lows of enduring treatment and the highs of a second chance at love.



Sea of Tranquility
By Emily St. John Mandel

Hired to investigate the black-skied Night City, Detective Gaspéry-Jacques Roberts discovers an anomaly in the Canadian Wilderness

where he encounters a strange group of people. Characters living centuries apart have the same brief, puzzling experience of sound and sensation. The award-winning author of *Station Eleven* and *The Glass Hotel* returns with a novel of art, time, love and plague that takes the

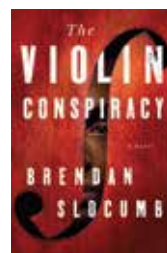
reader from Vancouver Island in 1912 to a concert in 2020 to a dark colony on the moon five hundred years later.



The Swimmers
By Julie Otsuka

When a crack appears in the pool, the swimmers who take comfort in their laps are cast out, including Alice, who is slowly losing her memory. Without

the fellowship of other swimmers and the routine of her daily laps she loses touch, swept into memories of her childhood and the Japanese American incarceration camp in which she spent the war. This is a tender, intimate story of mothers and daughters, loss and grief and the solace of female friendship.



Violin Conspiracy
By Brendan Slocumb

Growing up Black in rural North Carolina, Ray McMillian's dream to play violin professionally comes within reach when he discovers that his great-

great-grandfather's beat-up old fiddle is actually a priceless Stradivarius. On the eve of the Tchaikovsky Competition — the Olympics of classical music — the violin is stolen, a ransom note for five million dollars left in its place. The descendants of the man who once enslaved Ray's great-great-grandfather assert the instrument is rightfully theirs. Slocumb, a professional musician and educator, builds tension exquisitely while writing about music with skill. ♣

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Turkey and Bean Tostadas

Serves 5

Salsa

Ingredients

2 cups chopped tomatoes (about 2 medium tomatoes)

1 medium avocado, halved, pitted and diced

1 large ear of corn, husks and silk discarded, kernels removed

1-2 medium fresh jalapenos, seeds and ribs discarded, finely chopped

2 tbs. finely chopped red onion

2 tbs. fresh lime juice

Tostadas

Ingredients

nonstick cooking spray

5 corn tortillas (6 inches each)

8 ounces ground skinless turkey breast

2 tsp. chili powder

1 tsp. ground cumin

1 tsp. ground coriander

1 can (15 1/2 ounces) no-salt-added black beans, rinsed and drained

2 tbs. water

Directions

- To make salsa, in small bowl, stir tomatoes, avocado, corn, jalapenos, onions and lime juice. Set aside
- Preheat oven to 400 F
- To make tostadas, line baking sheet with aluminum foil.

Lightly spray foil with nonstick cooking spray. Place tortillas on baking sheet. Lightly spray tortillas with nonstick cooking spray. Using fork, pierce tortillas several times to prevent from filling with air

- Bake tortillas 5-6 minutes on each side, or until golden brown
- In medium nonstick saucepan over medium-high heat, cook turkey, chili powder, cumin and coriander 5-6 minutes, or until turkey is no longer pink, stirring occasionally to turn and break up turkey
- Add beans and water. Cook 5 minutes, or until beans are heated through. Using potato masher, coarsely mash beans. Remove from heat
- To assemble tostadas, spread turkey mixture over each tortilla. Top with salsa and enjoy!

Auto No-Fault Insurance Update

*I*t was announced in early December, 2021 that the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) will refund \$3 billion of its \$5 billion projected surplus, resulting in refunds of \$400 per vehicle to Michigan drivers.

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Under the 2019 no-fault law changes, the MCCA was to analyze the need for a refund to motorists by September of 2022. The surplus funds will be turned over by the MCCA to the insurance companies in March, 2022.

The MCCA has announced that the refund will be \$400 per eligible car or motorcycle. For example, if you had auto insurance policies for two cars as of 11:59 p.m. on October 31, 2021, you will receive a refund of \$800. The refund is \$80 per historical vehicle.

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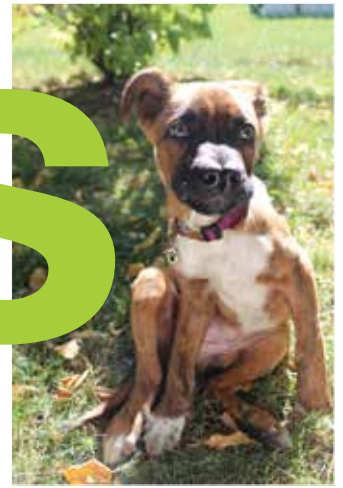
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Addie & Otis

Addie and Otis recently moved to Grosse Pointe Park with their parents, Steve and Eva Simon. They have been enjoying long walks searching for squirrels around the neighborhood. Grosse Pointe Park squirrels, consider this your warning!



Terence

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In Memory of Cocoa

Cocoa was a beloved member of the Krasner family for 13 years. As a service dog, he inspired kids to read, comforted seniors, calmed the nerves of college students and met with Oxford, Mich. families after the tragedy there. He inspired the adoption of many dogs, loved to swim in the ocean, sail, hike and enjoy the simple pleasures of his yard and walks. Faithful and kind, Cocoa will be a treasure in his family's hearts forever.



Ravello

Ravello Reno loves hanging out anywhere that is comfortable! Meal time is another favorite time!



Missy Midnight

Missy Midnight is a rescued feral cat, a sweetie pie that loves to be petted and “talks” when someone enters the room she is in or when it is chow time.



Zoey

Zoey loves to play in and out for treats. She doesn't bark.

Is your dog protected?

By Dr. Nancy Pillsbury

With the impending warmer weather, we all hope to get outside more, humans and fur-kids alike! Be aware, however, dangers can be lurking: even in our own backyards.

Ticks and tick-borne diseases are increasing in Michigan. Any day in which the temperature rises above freezing will allow ticks to “wake up” and start looking for a host to jump on. Once attached, they can start to transmit diseases such as Lyme disease.



Fleas also start to become active once the weather warms up. Not just a nuisance, they can cause skin irritation, inflame allergies, and cause tapeworms if ingested. Since our pets could potentially bring these unwelcome guests into our homes, it is important that we use preventative products on our pets, either topical or oral. Speak with your veterinarian regarding the best recommendations for your own pet, such as Nexgard or Simparica.

Another preventable disease which is on the rise is Leptospirosis. Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease which is spread through the urine of infected wildlife such as raccoons, opossums, squirrels, rats and mice and can affect both animals and humans. The bacteria can get into the water or soil and survive there for weeks or even months. According to the CDC, without treatment Leptospirosis can lead to kidney damage, meningitis, liver failure, respiratory distress and even death.

Fortunately, there is an effective and safe vaccine for dogs against Leptospirosis. This vaccine is typically included in the annual canine vaccines we administer here in our clinic, but be sure to consult with your veterinarian if you have any questions.

Meanwhile, let's all “think spring” and get outside to enjoy the beauty of nature!

Dr. Nancy Pillsbury is a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University. She joined Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in 2011.

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Calendar

12 SATURDAY

- Detroit Concert Choir presents “A Celtic Celebration of Song” at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, tickets at detroitconcertchoir.org, 7:30 p.m.

13 SUNDAY

- Detroit Concert Choir presents “A Celtic Celebration of Song” at Ss. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church in Detroit, tickets at detroitconcertchoir.org, 3 p.m.

15 TUESDAY

- Storytime at Ford House, “Lulu & Rocky in Detroit,” every Tuesday in March, free, registration required, 10:30 a.m.

17 THURSDAY - St. Patrick's Day

19 SATURDAY

- Maker Studio: Flower Pressing at Ford House, \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members, all supplies provided, register at fordhouse.org, 1-3 p.m.

24 THURSDAY

- ‘Explorers’ at Ford House, monthly explorers’ walks for families with children ages 5-8, dress for the weather, space is limited, \$2 per child, adults are free, tickets at fordhouse.org, 3-4 p.m.
- “Last Ice” Talk with Amy Sacka at Ford House, National Geographic Explorer Amy Sacka will discuss her journey on the ice, what it’s like to photograph a story for National Geographic, and how declining ice coverage is affecting the cultural fabric of communities all across the Great Lakes, free, but space is limited, register at fordhouse.org in advance, 7-8 p.m.

27 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Artists Association presents “Your Old Mansion” lecture series, Mark Higbie of Ford Motor Company will share updates on the development of a world-class art park meant to complement the re-born Michigan Central Station, Detroit’s

arts and culture director Rochelle Riley describes the park as one of the most important projects in the city, lecture at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, register at grossepointeartcenter.org, 2-4 p.m.

31 THURSDAY

- Coffee with Collections at Ford House, spend your morning with the Collections staff, who preserve and maintain the historical elements of the Ford House, for this exclusive behind-the-scenes tour, after the tour enjoy coffee and pastries while you chat with the staff, open to Ford House members only, \$10, space is limited, register at fordhouse.org, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
- Eleanor’s “Greenhouse” Tour at Ford House, \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members, timed tickets available at fordhouse.org, 6-7:30 p.m.



01 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents “I Hate Hamlet” at Parcels Auditorium, tickets at gpt.org, 8 p.m.

02 SATURDAY

- Ford House Family Workshop: Painting!, \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, \$6 for children members, \$7 for non-member children, 1-3 p.m.
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05 TUESDAY

- Storytime at Ford House, “My Friend Earth,” every Tuesday in April, free, registration required, 10:30 a.m.

07 THURSDAY

- Ford House Garden Talk: Vertical Gardening and Biosecurity with Simon Yevzelman, leader of Food Safety and Biosecurity of Planted Detroit, tickets are free but

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10 SUNDAY

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14 THURSDAY

- “The Birds of Gaukler Pointe” photography exhibit at Ford House, open through June 12

17 SUNDAY - Easter

22 FRIDAY - Earth Day

24 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Artists Association presents “Your Old Mansion” lecture series, Lisa Stolarski will introduce the Antique Touring Company, which operates out of the historic Ford Piquette plant, chauffeuring guests through Detroit’s historic neighborhoods in Model As, while pointing out the highlights such as homes built by Albert Kahn, lecture at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, register at grossepointeartcenter.org, 2-4 p.m.

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Junior League
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The Historic
John E.
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The Junior League of Detroit (JLD) is pleased to announce that its 2022 Designers' Show House will be the Historic John E. King House, located at 512 Washington Road, Grosse Pointe. It will have the distinction of being the Junior League of Detroit's 24th Designers' Show House.

Every other year the JLD hand-selects a prominent local estate and curates a phenomenal team of local and national interior designers to transform the home into a Designers' Show House. League members Shelia Minetola of Grosse Pointe Park, Gabriela Boddy of Grosse Pointe and Dianne Bostic Robinson of Detroit, are co-chairs of the 2022 Designers' Show House.

"The Junior League of Detroit is very excited to announce our 2022 Designers' Show House. It is with great pride that we carry on this longstanding League tradition as our main fundraiser," says Christina Jackson, JLD president. "The event will allow us to continue our League's philanthropic work that supports our community impact initiatives with Alternatives for Girls and Brilliant Detroit which help meet the needs of Detroit children,

"The John E. King House presents an opportunity to work with renowned national sponsors and talented designers while honoring one of the first homes constructed on this prestigious street as part of the new 'Grosse Pointe Colony' development."

young women and families. It also allows us to provide community-based grants and scholarships."


"Following the hugely popular 2020 Designers' Show House at the Historic Bingley Fales House in Detroit's Indian Village, the Junior League of Detroit is honored to once again showcase an amazing historic home in what is always a highly anticipated community event," says Show House co-chair Dianne Robinson. "The John E. King House presents an opportunity to work with renowned national sponsors and talented designers while honoring one of the first homes constructed on this prestigious street as part of the new 'Grosse Pointe Colony' development."

The 1920 John E. King House is a distinctive 4,632-square-foot Georgian Colonial property designed by Harlow N. Davock. It features six bedrooms, six bathrooms, an impressive eight-column portico entrance that dominates

the front elevation, and a wrought iron balcony on the second floor. The formal symmetrical brick-built property has an abundance of small sash windows with delicate limestone detailing, typical of homes created in this style during this era.

John E. King, the original owner, was born in Detroit in 1879 and worked with his father in the coffee and tea business up until he enlisted in the Spanish-American War. Upon returning home, he started the John E. King Coffee Company wholesale business.

Area design enthusiasts will have the opportunity to glimpse the John E. King House in its pre-renovated state during the JLD's "Sneak-A-Peek" weekend event in July (date to be announced) before the home's grand redesigned reveal in Fall 2022.

For more information about the Junior League of Detroit's Designers' Show House visit JLDetroit.org. 

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