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*On the Cover*

**Memorial Day 2023 at The War Memorial, in front of *Les Braves II: At Water's Edge*. From left, retired Navy Commander Chuck Huebner, The War Memorial President and CEO Maria Miller, Ted Everingham, a 2023 board member, speaks at the podium, and Col. Leah Voelker seated right.**

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## Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this? On Monday, May 20, we will ask this question on Facebook. 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: Grosse Pointe Theatre)

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# POINTE MAGAZINE



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## Dr. Suzanne Klein, take a bow!

Everyone's favorite school superintendent is finally receiving much deserved recognition this month with the naming of Grosse Pointe North High School's newly renovated "C. Suzanne Klein Library." Dr. Klein retired in 2011 after serving in the district for 41 years, the last 14 years as superintendent — the longest tenure of any superintendent in the district's 102-year history.

Suzanne was not your normal superintendent. She was approachable and always good for a quote. One time when I was at the newspaper, I asked her about a policy that seemed to be unevenly applied. "Well," she said, "it's kind of 'squishy.'" My favorite management style of hers was "trust, but verify," a Russian proverb used by President Reagan.


When asked to comment on a library being named in her honor, she shared some of her favorite quotes she tells her future superintendent students at Oakland University:

"Stephen Covey, the author of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, used the phrase, 'The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.' I adapted it to say, 'The main thing is to keep the main thing — learning and teaching — the main thing.' It was one of my favorites as a central office leader and superintendent. After thinking about what's my favorite quote now, it's still right near the top of the list.

"Here's another that hangs in my OU office, 'What leaders really do is prepare organizations for change and help them cope as they struggle through it.' John Kotter, 2001, from *Harvard Business Review*. I didn't discover the Kotter quote until I arrived at OU and started teaching in the leadership preparation programs for superintendents, central office leaders and principals.

"People in GP Schools, as well as retirees, still remind me about keeping the main thing the main thing when I see them. So I guess that is the one that is memorable."

Suzanne retired from Grosse Pointe schools but never left Grosse Pointe. To this day, she is heavily involved with Grosse Pointe Rotary and the future Michael B's Cafe, just to name a couple. You're missed in our schools, Dr. Klein, but never forgotten...or replaced!

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Pointe Magazine*. As always, remember to patronize our many loyal advertisers, without whom this magazine would not be possible. Be sure to tell them you saw them in *Pointe Magazine*! See you around the Pointe! 

*John*

In every May-June issue, we highlight education. This year, we chat with our new superintendent and our deputy superintendent. We explore what school assets Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education has funded over the years. We examine the extraordinary science education at Star of the Sea and much more.

My husband and I are thrilled to have a son in Grosse Pointe Public School System and a daughter in a private preschool in the Pointes. As parents, we overanalyze and worry about every decision we make. One of the biggest, and most talked about — at the park, in the neighborhood, with family — is school.

I hear the same phrase time and again when it comes to where a child goes to school in the Pointes and I couldn't agree more — "You can't go wrong." We are spoiled for academics, extracurriculars and opportunities.


That could not be more clear than when I chatted with Superintendent Dr. Tuttle or Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bishop. Their passion for our schools and their commitment to the success of every student in the district was inspiring.

Then there is Joe Evens, our May-June Pointe Personality, and a GPPSS occupational therapist. I'll let you in on a secret — Joe was a high school friend of mine from Cousino. And he was one of the kindest there. Knowing he is one representative of the many exemplary individuals caring for our children is a comfort.

Hanley, our May-June Pointe Teen, is a friendly and impressive high school senior who will be attending University of Michigan College of Engineering this fall. I asked the perfunctory, "How do you like it?" about her senior year at Grosse Pointe South. "Honestly, I love it," she smiled.

I hope my kids have the same attitude someday. That they know how incredibly fortunate they are to receive a Grosse Pointe education.

The one thing I've found across the board is that everyone cares. Deeply. It takes a village. And we are so grateful to call Grosse Pointe ours.

Happy graduation, seniors! 

*Lauren*



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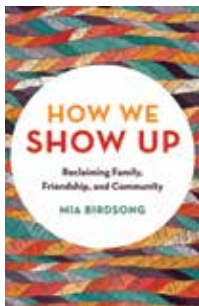


# Book Buzz



By Outreach Librarian Annie Spence

Outreach Librarian Annie Spence shares her list of must-reads for this spring.



**How We Show Up: Reclaiming Family, Friendship and Community**

By Mia Birdsong

Birdsong's book explores the reasons why even living the "good life" in a divided America can leave us feeling lonely and stressed out. Through research and her own personal stories, she writes about how community and interdependence or "showing up" for each other are the real keys to fulfillment. This book challenged some of my thinking patterns and changed the way I ask for and give help, which in turn strengthened many of my relationships.

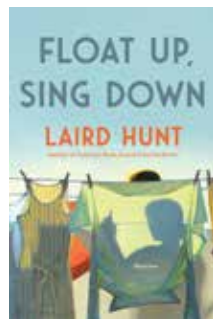


**A Tidy Ending**

By Joanna Cannon

If you like odd, possibly unreliable narrators, this darkly comic thriller will keep you hooked until the last page. Linda escaped the mysterious events

of her childhood and fled to Wales where she lives a very tidy and quite boring daily existence with her quite tidy and boring husband Terry. Until a string of murders shakes up her quiet neighborhood. There are twists aplenty. I can't wait for someone else to read this novel, so I'll have someone to discuss the ending with.



**Float Up, Sing Down**

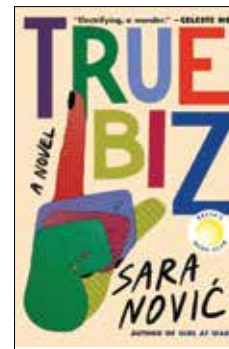
By Laird Hunt

Each story in *Float Up, Sing Down* follows one resident of a rural town during the same summer day. Lives intertwine as the characters experience all the love, loneliness and bewilderment that everyday life is filled with. The stories are spare and poignant. I find that short stories are a beautiful thing to pick up in the spring when our social brains are waking back up and we're bouncing from idea to idea.

**True Biz**

By Sara Novic

This novel takes place at the River Valley School for the Deaf in the Midwest and follows the story of Charlie, frustrated teen transfer who has never met another deaf person



before; Austin, fifth generation deaf student, whose family dynamic changes when his baby sister is born hearing; and the headmistress, February, a hearing woman raised by deaf

parents who finds herself in crisis both within her home and her career. The chapters are broken up by the school's lesson plans, which act as a creative way of educating the reader about deaf history and deaf culture. A quick, entertaining and informative read.



**Boundless**

By Jillian Tamaki

The library added a new Graphic Novel collection to all three branches this year and I've been gleefully making my way through the collection at Central. I've enjoyed cartoonist Jillian Tamaki's other books and am excited to start *Boundless*, a collection of short stories that play with magical realism and human connection. [P](#)

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# Spring into action

By Terri Murphy

As the temperatures rise and the days grow longer, spring and summer beckon us outdoors to embrace the warmth and beauty of nature. This season presents the perfect opportunity for seniors and their caregivers to stay active together while reaping the countless benefits of outdoor exercise.



Engaging in low-impact outdoor activities promotes physical health and enhances overall well-being for aging loved ones and caregivers. Gentle walks in the park or water aerobics in a pool provide opportunities for seniors to stay active while minimizing strain on their joints and muscles. These activities improve cardiovascular health and flexibility and boost mood and mental clarity, fostering a sense of vitality and joy.

For caregivers, participating in outdoor activities with their elderly loved ones offers a chance to bond and connect on a deeper level.

Whether it's sharing stories during a stroll through the neighborhood or encouraging each other during a yoga session in the backyard, these moments of togetherness strengthen the familial bond and create cherished memories.

Spring and summer provide the ideal backdrop for staying active outdoors. Warmer weather and longer daylight hours encourage us to step outside and embrace the beauty of the season. Whether it's exploring local parks, gardening together in the backyard, or simply enjoying a picnic in the sunshine, the possibilities for outdoor activities are endless.

So, let's seize the opportunity to stay active together this spring and summer, embracing the rejuvenating power of nature while strengthening our bodies and spirits. By prioritizing physical activity and spending quality time outdoors with our aging loved ones, we can enhance our overall health and well-being while creating lasting memories that will be cherished for years to come.

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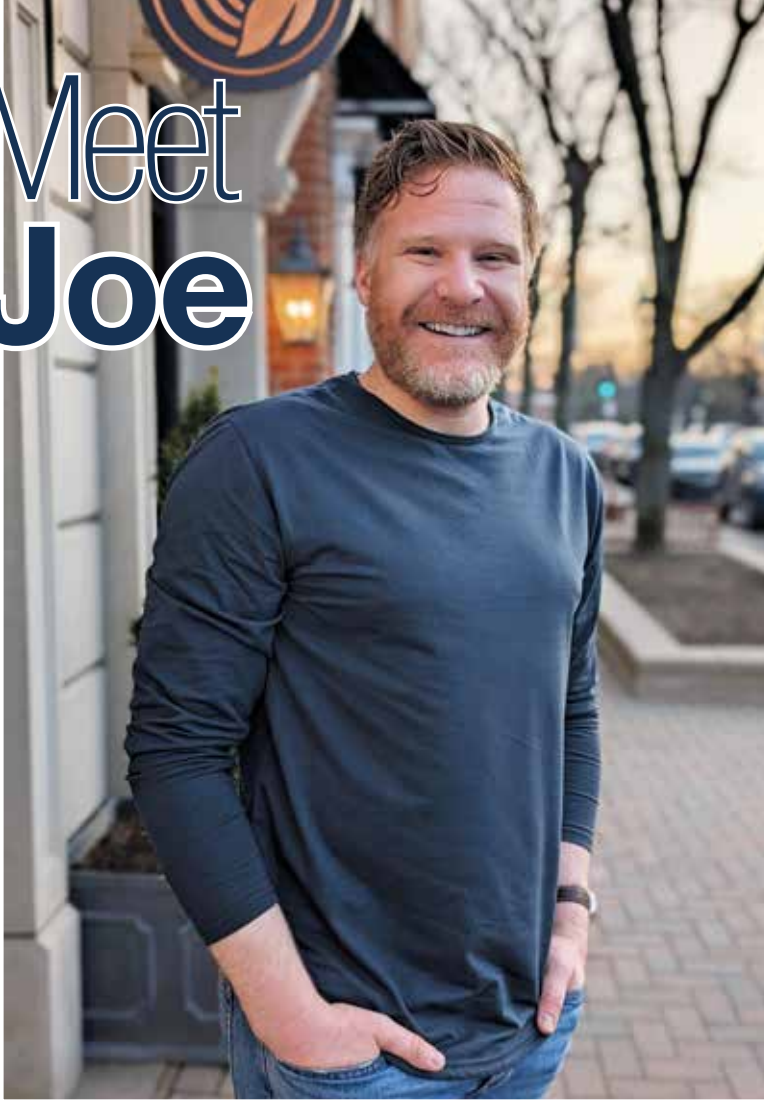


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# Meet Joe



<b>Name</b>	Joe Evens
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Woods
<b>Age</b>	35
<b>Occupation</b>	Occupational Therapist, Grosse Pointe Public School System

## Joe's Favorites

### **Book or Author**

The Hunger Games series,  
Gillian Flynn and Ruth Ware

### **Musical Artist**

Taylor Swift

### **Movie**

*Titanic*

### **Outdoor Activity**

Running

### **Spot in Grosse Pointe**

Lake Front Park

### **Rainy Day Activity**

Watching reality TV or napping

### **Restaurant in Grosse Pointe**

Ferlito's and Luxe

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

I love Halloween on Oxford St. We close the street down. The kids have a blast. I also love the street parties and festivals like After 6 on Kercheval and Music on the Lawn.

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

I am passionate, especially about my career and the students I work with. If there is something I want, I go for it. I am also loyal.

### **What inspired you to become an occupational therapist?**

My mom was a paraprofessional. I volunteered with her with students with autism. Then I had a couple jobs with a community living specialist. I would take the kids to occupational therapy sessions and loved how play-based it was, focusing on functional life skills.

### **What do you think is unique about Grosse Pointe Public School System?**

They support me by supporting the kids. For example, I was supported in creating three sensory rooms throughout the district.

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

Last summer, I went to Italy, London and Greece. I volunteered with an organization that works with families who have children with autism. I cruised with them for the summer, helping support their vacation.

### **Three things on your bucket list?**

Visit Ireland. Extreme bungee jump. Meet Taylor Swift.

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

My master's degree. It took eight years of school to start my career.

## About Joe

A Sterling Heights native, Joe went to Wayne State University for undergraduate and graduate school, earning two bachelor's degrees, one in psychology and one in health sciences, and a master's degree in occupational therapy.

This marks his eighth year with Grosse Pointe Public School System.

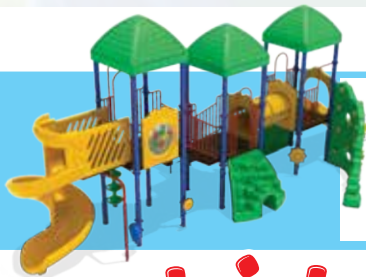
Today, Joe lives with his partner, Marlon, in Grosse Pointe Woods. In his free time, he enjoys watching movies, working out at Orange Theory, wine tasting and trying new restaurants throughout the Pointes.



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GROSSE POINTE  
Chamber of Commerce

By Anne Erickson

What better way to honor the area's delicious fare than with a whole week dedicated to local eateries?

The 2024 Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week, hosted by Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, takes place May 13-19. Since its inception in 2012, the event has



**Top, the bar at Alma;  
breaded cheese ravioli at  
Ferlito's; above, Passport  
to the Pointes**

Photos by Lauren McGregor

evolved over the years, and this year will mark the second year of Passport to the Pointes.

"The Passport to the Pointes is a postcard available at participating restaurants and on our website. Participants can collect a stamp from each restaurant they visit before turning it in to the Chamber to be entered in a raffle," says Abigail

Turnbull, director of membership and events coordinator. Raffle prizes are gift cards from restaurants and businesses in Grosse Pointe and Chamber Change.

"For someone who hasn't participated, expect to have fun and try a new place," Turnbull says. "Restaurants get creative in their specials and it's a great way to try those places you've been eyeing."

"From farm-to-table delights to fusion creations, Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week menus are a treasure trove of culinary wonders," says Jennifer Boettcher, president of the Grosse Pointe Chamber. "Whether you're a meat lover, a veggie enthusiast or a dessert devotee,

there's something for everyone to savor!"

This year, the Chamber expects to have 30 restaurants participate, and the goal is simply to support local restaurants.

"Our restaurants are part of what makes our community unique," Turnbull says. "Offering people an easy way to hop online, explore specials at restaurants they haven't tried before, and the potential of winning a prize for supporting a local restaurant makes it easy to treat yourself to a night out.

"I also love the promotion we are able to provide during Restaurant Week. The opportunities to put restaurants on local news stations, have anchors come and try their food and increase foot traffic is extremely rewarding."

"Behind every tantalizing dish is a talented chef pouring their heart and soul into their craft," Boettcher says. "It's a chance to shine the spotlight on the culinary geniuses in our community and appreciate the dedication and skill that go into creating memorable dining experiences."

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By Lauren McGregor

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“We have so many friends who support the event every year. We look forward to coming together to celebrate the spirit of giving.”

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On Saturday, June 1, at Comerica Park, Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers will host its 43rd Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration. All are welcome to join the family-owned, award-winning jewelers in their mission to raise money for Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

With 100 percent of proceeds going to the Detroit-based non-profit, the annual event has raised and donated millions of dollars since its inception in 1981. This year’s theme is ‘Friendship for Purpose.’

“We have so many friends who support the event every year,” says Vice President Stefan Ahee. “We look forward to coming together to celebrate the spirit of giving.”

Come downtown, enjoy a late spring evening on the Pepsi Porch, dance to live music, watch a fireworks show and toast

to friendship.

Last year, Your Generation played outdoors on the Pepsi Porch for the first time. They will do so again this year and Ahee is expecting another enormous dance floor turnout.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each and there are food and beverages available for purchase. Ahee says there will be a total of over \$30,000 in jewelry prizes.

Entry is free and no registration is required. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and a fireworks show will light up the Detroit sky at 10 p.m. For more information, visit [ahee.com](http://ahee.com). [P](#)

**Clockwise from top left, Melanie and Rob Anargyros with Paws; mingling on the Pepsi Porch; Nikki Norton and John Head watching the fireworks display; Your Generation** Photos by Lauren McGregor





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Entertainment includes music, food truck, lawn games, cocktails and more!

Parking is \$20 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, or park for free and take a complimentary shuttle to the show from Ferry Elementary School.

The Summer Breeze Kick-off Party on May 17 will benefit the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation (GPYNEF). The GPYNEF awards scholarships to high school graduates that participate in sailing. In addition, the GPYNEF awards five perpetual scholarships supported by endowments from donors, and provides funding to high school sailing programs and grants to young sailors who travel to compete in national level events.

For more information, visit [www.greatlakesboatingfestival.com](http://www.greatlakesboatingfestival.com). Hours are Saturday, 12-7 p.m. and Sunday, 12-5 p.m. The Great Lake Boating Festival is produced by the Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA), the voice of boating in Michigan. Revenue generated from this event is returned to fund boaters' interests via MBIA's programs and services.

The Great Lakes Boating Festival is sponsored by Genesis Cadillac and the Grosse Pointe News. [Φ](#)

## HAVE A BALL IN GROSSE POINTE

By Anne Erickson

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Street Art Project has brought unique and vivid art to our community every two years since 2012. This year's theme is 'Have a Ball in Grosse Pointe.'

"The piece of art will be a giant sphere on a pedestal," says Abigail Turnbull, director of membership and events coordinator. "The beauty of this is that the artists have all made unique pieces and the spheres can be anything. The 'have a ball' name stemmed from how we are always having a ball in our fun-filled community."

The works of art will be displayed throughout Grosse Pointe during the summer of 2024.

"We hope to have at least 30 spheres bouncing throughout the community," says Jennifer Boettcher, president of the Grosse Pointe Chamber. "We are absolutely thrilled about the community art project's goal to increase foot traffic and boost the local economy while promoting artists in our area. It's such a fantastic opportunity to showcase the incredible talent that exists within our community and attract more people to support these artists."

She adds, "By creating a vibrant and engaging artistic environment, we're not only enriching our cultural landscape but also bringing attention to the many talented individuals who call this place home. This project has the potential to bring so much energy, creativity and economic growth to our community, and we can't wait to see it all unfold."

So, how do you find these pieces of art and interact with the project? "People can immerse themselves in the vibrant world of street art with our exciting interactive map, engaging social media posts and user-friendly Chamber website," Boettcher says. "Maps will be readily available, showcasing the sponsor, artist and location of each sphere. We encourage everyone to spread the love by capturing photos of their favorite sphere and sharing them with the Chamber or tagging us on social media."

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**The fish sphere, by Michael Stapleton of Prop Art Studio, waiting for other spheres to pop up on The Hill**



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# EYESON DESIGN

By Alex Szwarc

EyesOn Design car show at Ford House is set for Father’s Day, June 16. This marks the 37th annual celebration of vehicle design. Thousands of car fans and over 200 vehicle owners are expected to journey to the historic home for the visual automotive feast.

This year’s theme is “Design Masters: A Lifetime of Design Achievement.”

In keeping with the theme, “Those nominated to get the Lifetime Design Achievement Award this year are nominated only by past winners,” says Glen Durmisevich, chief judge of the car show. “Past winners also are the only ones who vote on the final winner of the Lifetime Design Achievement Award. It’s probably one of the highest forms of peer recognition in the automobile design industry.”

The Lifetime Design Achievement Award winner this year is Gordon Murray, a famous designer of Formula One racing cars.

Over the years, EyesOn Design has raised millions of dollars to support the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, which supports the visually impaired and organizes groundbreaking eye research conferences.

A Private Eyes Brunch is set for 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on June 16. Reservations are required and are \$100 a person, and \$40 for children under 10. It includes admission to the car show.

The Automotive Design Exhibition runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is \$40 per person. Children under 10 are free with an adult.

Judging for EyesOn Design, by a panel of about 60 judges, is predominantly conducted by automotive designers using professional design criteria, not based on restoration or authenticity.

For more information, visit [eyesondesign.org/car-show](http://eyesondesign.org/car-show). 

**Two distinguished judges at EyesOn Design 2023: Stellantis Chief Design Officer Ralph Gilles and General Motors Vice President of Global Design Mike Simcoe**

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## Before the car show:

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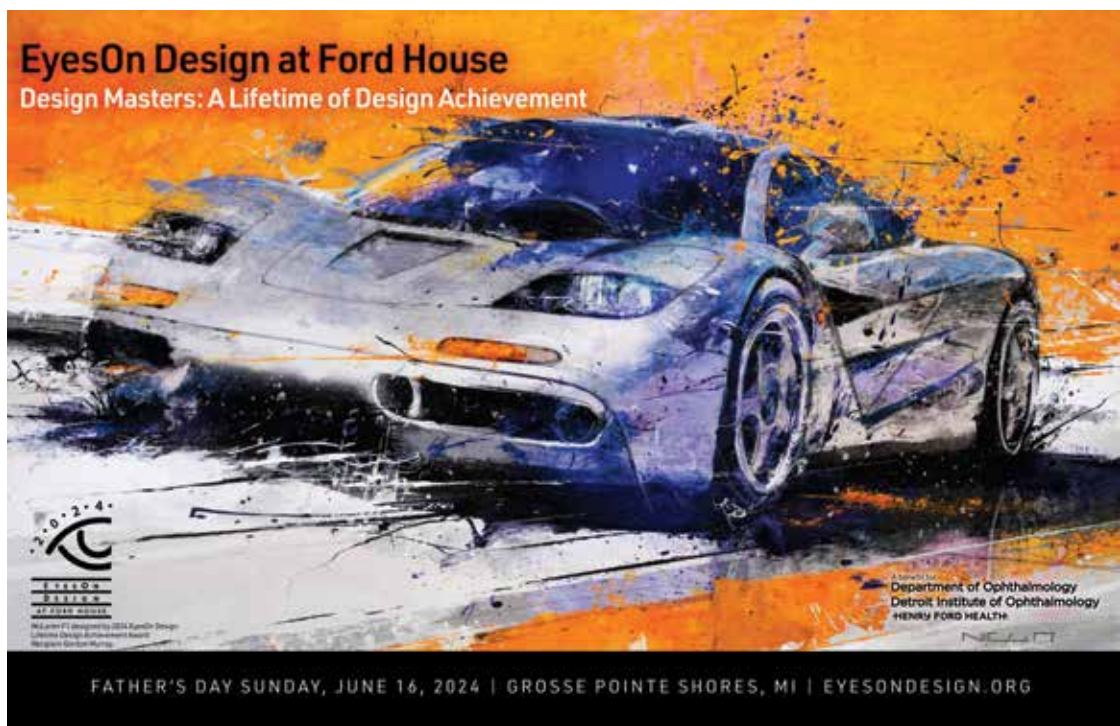
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# LEGACY ON THE LAKE

By Anne Erickson

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce’s largest annual fundraising event, Legacy on the Lake, returns June 20 at Ford House. Each year, the event honors a special member of the community. This year, that person is Dan Jensen.

“Since 1971, Dan Jensen has dedicated his life to public safety, starting as a lifeguard at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park,” says Jennifer Boettcher, president of the Grosse Pointe Chamber and Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation. “Dan served the community for 44 years as an officer of Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety and the last 15 years as director of Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety. He augmented the Grosse Pointe Farms Dive Team, created the K-9 division, implemented a Bike Patrol Team, and ran the Emergency Support Unit, reserve unit.”

Jensen retired from his career as director of Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety in December 2021 and continues to make an impact on the community he loves, especially with young adults who have been on the wrong path. “Dan firmly believes in the power of redemption and prefers guiding individuals toward a positive path rather than enforce punitive measures,” says Boettcher.

Today, he is the executive director of the newly formed Grosse Pointe Public

Safety Foundation.

Along with honoring a deserving individual, one of the big draws for Legacy is the food and friendship.

“The food for Legacy is always a crowd pleaser,” says Abigail Turnbull, director of membership and events coordinator. “Ford House’s culinary team at The Continental does a fantastic job offering unique summer cuisine to be enjoyed in the lakeside setting.”

“The cuisine served at Legacy elevates the Legacy experience, leaving a lasting impression on the guests,” says Boettcher.


Proceeds from the event will go towards the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation’s mission to receive and disburse charitable donations for the promotion of commerce, education, economic growth, events and activities for the Grosse Pointe community.

“Every year, Legacy has become a special time for friends, neighbors and community leaders to come together

along our beautiful shoreline on the lawn of historic Ford House,” says Dr. David S. Balle, Legacy on the Lake committee chair. “We all share a bond in celebrating all the good in the Grosse Pointes.”

Balle adds that this year, he’s most looking forward to “seeing our community celebrate the career, hard work, dedication and accomplishments of our honoree,

Dan Jensen. He has done so much for so many and it’s our time to thank Dan and recognize his contributions and all that he continues to do for the businesses and residents of the Grosse Pointes as well as our surrounding neighborhoods and cities.”

Tickets are \$250 and can be purchased at [grossepointechamber.com](https://grossepointechamber.com). 

**Top, Andre Ahee, Britta and Anthony Riashi, Avery Rutland, Rachelle Wright and Stefan Ahee; above, Dan Jensen, middle, surrounded by family**

Top photo by Kimberly Rensburg, courtesy of Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce; above photo courtesy of Dan Jensen



# Are Your Summer Toys Properly Insured?

Summer will be here soon and it's time to enjoy outdoor activities like boating, fishing, water skiing, swimming, and barbecues. There are a lot of summer toys like boats, jet skis, ATVs, and motorcycles, just to name a few.

It's the time to enjoy these toys, but make sure you have the proper coverage. An accident could lead to property damage and a lawsuit. Many times, people are surprised to find they have limited or no coverage under their auto and homeowner's insurance policies for these items.

Liability from backyard toys such as a trampoline or pool may be covered by your homeowner's insurance, however, most homeowner's policies provide only limited coverage. An umbrella policy will give you the coverage you need.

Jet skis/personal watercraft – These items are fast and fun, however, there may no liability coverage under your homeowner's policy. A personal watercraft policy and umbrella policy can be tailored to your needs.

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# SOIREE AT THE STONE MANOR

By Susan Bollinger



Everyone loves a soiree! What makes “Soiree at the Stone Manor” even more special is the contemporary castle setting on Lake St. Clair, entertainment, delicious food, unique vehicle displays and the opportunity to contribute funds vital to Grosse Pointe Historical Society operations. The 20th annual Grosse Pointe Historical Society Gala is Thursday, June 20, at the home of Seth and Ruth Krueger, located on the corner of Lake Shore Drive and Oxford Road in Grosse Pointe Shores.

According to Director of Development Patti Timmins, “Funds raised through the Gala enable us to keep the Grosse Pointe Historical Society running. We offer archives, research upon request, a

research library for the public, exhibits and collections for everyone to enjoy.”

If you haven’t seen the Historical Society’s new center, opened in January 2023, stop by 375 Kercheval. “It’s very roomy and available to rent. It looks like a residence to blend into the neighborhood, and is designed so it could actually be lived in,” says Timmins. Learn more at [www.gphistorical.org](http://www.gphistorical.org).

The Historical Society Gala begins with a sponsors preview at 5:30 p.m. that includes a private concert by the Jazz Kings, cocktails, appetizers and owner-led tours of the home. At 6:30 p.m., the party officially begins.

“Ticketholders arrive to valet parking, entertainment and a complimentary

photo,” says Timmins. “An open bar, strolling supper and socializing on the parklike tented grounds follow. Stay for the musical afterglow at 9:30 p.m., an intimate concert with coffee and dessert benefitting Gianna House Pregnancy and Parenting Residence in Eastpointe.”

Sponsorships starting at \$1,000 are still available. For more information or to become a sponsor, contact Patti Timmins, Director of Development, by email at [development@gphistorical.org](mailto:development@gphistorical.org) or by phone at (313) 884-7010.


General admission is \$185. For guests ages 35 and under tickets are \$100 each. The afterglow concert only is \$75. To be a guest at “Soiree at the Stone Manor,” visit <https://www.gphistorical.org> and click on “Register now!” 

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# May is fitting

By Ken Welch

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Bet you didn't know that. It was designated in 1983 by the President's Council on Fitness to promote healthy lifestyles and improve the quality of American life. Its origins go back as far as 1956 when president Eisenhower created the President's Council on Youth Fitness and then was renamed by President Kennedy in the early '60s as, simply, the President's Council on Physical Fitness so that it would include all ages, not just youth.



Jan. 1 is generally associated with firing up a new commitment to one's health and fitness. That never made too much sense to me, and I understand why resolutions fail. January is a terrible month to start something like an exercise program. People are cold, financially hung over from Christmas and there's still a lot of left over holiday food.

It should be May 1. It's warmer and brighter in May. It's easier to be in a better mood in May which helps with motivation. Because of the better weather you have more exercise options and activity choices. Put those pluses together with the fact that the month of May has been designated as an official Fitness Month — it's all very encouraging.

In May, it's easier to develop an attitude that switches from "I should work out" to "I want to work out." When that happens, chances are you're going to keep improving on your goals aimed at a healthy lifestyle instead of getting discouraged and defeated in the dark of January.

May is your month — start it up.  
 Ken Welch is owner and trainer at Pointe Fitness on Harper south of Allard. Online: [pointefitness.com](http://pointefitness.com).

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# Electric vs. manual brushes

By Dr. Horacio Falcón

When it comes to keeping your teeth clean, both electric and manual toothbrushes play important roles. Manual toothbrushes are simple and easy to use, requiring manual movement to clean the teeth and gums effectively.

They come in various shapes, sizes and bristle types, making them accessible and affordable for everyone.



On the other hand, electric toothbrushes offer additional benefits. They often feature rotating or vibrating brush heads, which provide a more thorough cleaning and plaque removal compared to manual brushing. Some electric toothbrushes also come with built-in timers and pressure indicators to ensure that users brush for the recommended two minutes at the right amount of pressure. This can be particularly helpful for children and people with limited dexterity. The most important instruction to follow with an electrical toothbrush is to set the brush head at the right place and let the brush do the work for you.

While electric toothbrushes may be more expensive up front, they can be a worthwhile investment in the long run for those seeking improved cleaning efficiency and convenience. However, manual toothbrushes remain a reliable choice for many, offering simplicity and affordability.

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# Get prepared

By Lina Bowman

Tom Watson, the legendary golfer, has been known to say that the weather can be your biggest opponent. He stated, “The trick to dealing with the weather is knowing how to play for whatever comes your way.”

When it comes to your financial life, the same can be said. Being prepared and knowing how to play for whatever



comes your way requires some serious planning. It requires the right tools, strategies and expertise, as well as the wisdom to not only implement the plan but also to execute it to meet your goals and needs.

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Are you prepared for the financial weather in every season of your life? Talk to your financial adviser to discuss how you’re positioned and prepared. Ask yourself if you have a comprehensive plan. If not, perhaps it’s time for a second opinion.

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# C of Os are a good thing

By Anna Bartolotta

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# Wound care

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

I often get asked about simple wound care: how long to use hydrogen peroxide for? Should the wound be covered or allowed to dry out? Which antibiotic ointment is the best?

Imagine the look of confusion and surprise when I say not to use hydrogen peroxide or antibiotic ointment! Hydrogen peroxide is great as a household disinfectant and stain remover, but it does not belong in a first aid kit. When applied to a wound, it injures cells that help it heal, thereby slowing down the healing process.



The best way to disinfect a new wound is to place it under running water. A little bit of soap is fine as well. If there is any dirt or debris in the wound, the running water should take care of it, but you may need to pick out some pieces with tweezers. Disinfect the tweezers with alcohol first.

After the wound has been cleaned, petroleum jelly should be applied to keep the wound moist and to prevent the formation of a scab. Antibiotic ointment can be used but is often not necessary and, in fact, many people are allergic to some of the ingredients in common antibiotic ointments.

Finally, the wound should be covered to keep it clean and moist. The dressing should be changed daily, more often if there is a lot of drainage. Keep an eye out for signs of infection, such as swelling, worsening pain, purulent drainage and increased redness around the wound. If that happens, it may be time to see 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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# Will or Trust?

By Jon B. Gandelot

**W**ills and trusts are both estate planning tools, but they serve different purposes and distinct advantages.

A will is a legal document which directs how a person's assets are distributed after death. It appoints a personal representative (Executor) to carry out wishes and may include provisions for the guardianship of minor children. Wills necessitate

probate court approval, which can be lengthy and costly, but wills offer flexibility. A will is better than no planning!

A trust is a legal document in which a "Grantor" or "Trust maker" (person) transfers assets to a trustee to manage on behalf of the beneficiaries of the trust. Trusts can be set up during one's lifetime (a "Living" or "Revocable" Trust) or upon one's death ("Testamentary Trust"). Trust assets may be distributed quickly and privately without probate. Trusts provide greater control over how and when assets are distributed, which allows for specific instructions such as asset distributions or funding educational expenses.

An important difference is privacy. Wills become public record during the probate process, while trusts remain private documents, offering confidentiality about estate details and beneficiaries. Trusts can provide protection from creditors and lawsuits, ensuring that assets are preserved for the intended beneficiaries.

While wills and trusts both allow the transfer of assets after death, they offer different levels of control, privacy and flexibility. It is wise to consult with an estate planning attorney who can help you determine the best option based on your circumstances and goals. Plan now — protect your family!

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# Gage, Parrish recall 'The Enchanted Season'

By Chuck Klönke

Tom Gage and Lance Parrish have a myriad of memories from the Detroit Tigers' last World Championship.

On the 40th anniversary of that magical season, Gage, the longtime Tigers beat writer for the Detroit News and a Grosse Pointe resident, and Parrish, the All-Star catcher and one of the leaders on the 1984 team, are sharing those memories in *The Enchanted Season*.

The book will be available online and in bookstores in time for Father's Day.

"It was a delightful book to write," Gage says. "I loved going back in time and going over the season game by game. Lance's memory was wonderful. The book focuses on 1984 when the Tigers started 35-5, how they won the American League Championship Series and the World Series. It's also about Lance himself.

"There were great moments that season. That was great to relive.

The different personalities. I think (the readers of the book) will revel in the memory of a great team — and it was a great team. It was a cohesive team. These guys really liked each other. They had come up in the system together."

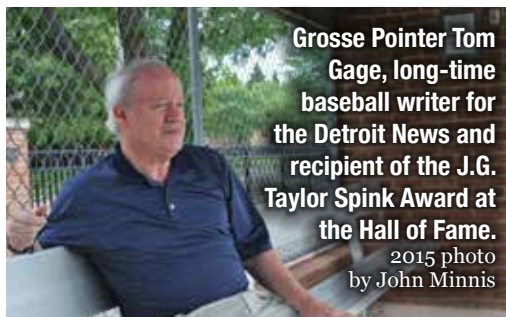
The Tigers were the toast of Major League Baseball after their torrid start. They began an early-season West Coast road trip with a stop in Anaheim, where manager Sparky Anderson encountered a fan from Cincinnati.

"Lance and I both remember this," Gage says. "The fan comes up to Sparky and says, 'I was a great fan of your Big Red Machine. What are you doing now?' Sparky said, 'here I am, manager of the hottest team in baseball and a guy who says he's a fan wondering what I'm doing

now. That'll make you humble right away."

Some of the magic left on that trip. The next stop was Seattle and the lowly Mariners swept the Tigers.

"The Tigers weren't too big for their britches, but they just came back to the pack a little bit," Gage says. "They were challenged by Toronto. They



Grosse Pointer Tom Gage, long-time baseball writer for the Detroit News and recipient of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award at the Hall of Fame.

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*The Enchanted Season* Book Signing  
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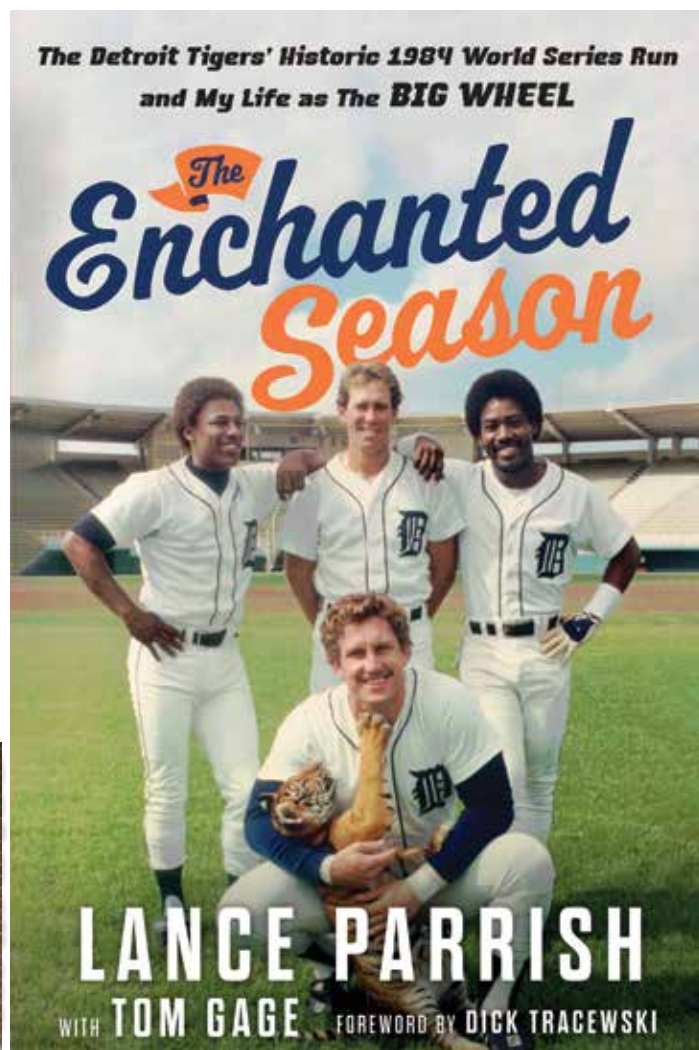
they would be. They had to fight through some adversity and that fight after 35-5 really made them tough."

Gage recalls that Anderson wasn't able to enjoy the Tigers' season to the fullest.

"If they didn't win it all, it would be his fault," Gage says. "He'd be the manager who blew a 35-5 start. He was on edge right to the end."

Fans remember the stars of that team — Parrish, Alan Trammell, Lou Whitaker, Chet Lemon, Willie Hernandez and Jack Morris — but there were many other important contributors.

"It takes a complete team to win," Gage says. "The Tigers realized they needed to improve themselves so when Larry Herndon was having trouble hitting right-handers they got Ruppert



didn't spend the summer spinning their wheels but they weren't as good as their start indicated

Jones from Evansville. He was a great addition, not just on the field but in the clubhouse. We can't overlook the trade for Dave Bergman and Willie Hernandez. That was a master stroke. You can't minimize the importance of Darrell Evans, who was a great leader in the clubhouse.

"We can't forget the bit players who did their part — Marty Castillo, Rusty Kuntz, Johnny Grubb. When they were called upon, they really came through."

The subtitle of the book is "The Detroit Tigers' Historic 1984 World Series Run and My Life as The BIG WHEEL."

Parrish's nickname was "The Big Wheel."

"He wasn't a guy who spoke out a lot, but when he did, he intended to be listened to," Gage says. "He was a huge favorite and to this day, he doesn't conceal the fact that he wishes he had never left the Tigers as a free agent."

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“We did this renovation for our family. We love our house and wanted to expand the family areas. We also wanted to take advantage of our beautiful summers and how late it stays light.”

*R*evin and Cherie Didio were on a mission to create new forms of family time with their increasingly independent teenagers, Hannah and Audrey. A good place to start — the addition of an underground pool beside an outdoor living room.

“We did this renovation for our family. We love our house and wanted to expand the family areas,” says Cherie DiDio. “We also wanted to take advantage of our beautiful summers and how late it stays light.”

The DiDios enlisted the expertise of Mertz Casazza in adding a pool, hot tub and outdoor living room and renovating the garage bay and house’s exterior.

Their interior designer, Patty Blaser, had recommended the company. “They

are fantastic. The best,” says DiDio. “They were completely supportive of our ideas and made our vision come to life.”

While the 1934 home maintains its original, closed floor plan, the DiDios wanted to utilize an open concept for outdoor living. Still, remote controlled screens were installed that descend from the ceiling of the outdoor dining space for protection from the elements.

“We eat out there all summer long,” says DiDio.

The outdoor living room also boasts a real fireplace. “Even when the weather is not beautiful, we can still use it,” says DiDio. “We curl up in blankets and light a fire as late as November.”

For the exterior, the family wanted to add character. “We wanted the exterior to match the character that is indoors,”



Photos by John D'Angelo


says DiDio. “Now it looks like it was meant to be like this all along.”

Mertz Casazza added a cedar roof, copper gutters and functional shutters that can be latched.

A portico over the front entrance added dimension and made for a more dramatic experience

upon arrival.

“From the front door you can see straight back to the outdoor space they created,” says DiDio. “They were so dedicated to being able to fulfill our dream of what this would look like and how it would enhance our family.

“Before, we didn’t use the backyard much at all. Our girls have used it a lot and enjoy having their friends over. Now all of our family dinners are outside. I’m so grateful.” 



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# In keeping with its mission, Ford House emerges as leader in sustainability

This April, Ford House received the 2024 Pure Award, recognizing its exceptional commitment to sustainability initiatives. The Pure Award, by Michigan Care for Tourism, celebrates organizations that exhibit exemplary natural, cultural and heritage stewardship practices as part of their daily operations.

“Ford House is honored for this recognition, and it truly is a testament to our ongoing dedication to environmental stewardship and our commitment to making a positive impact on the world around us,” says President and CEO Mark J. Heppner.

Ford House was also the recent recipient of the Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant in 2023 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.

The \$7 million federal grant supports

the restoration of natural habitats surrounding Ford Cove and along nearly one mile of Lake St. Clair shoreline. This initiative aims to benefit native Great Lakes fish and other aquatic species by mitigating the impact of waves and flooding, reducing polluted runoff and nutrient loads and enhancing recreational fishing opportunities. It also seeks to increase public access to previously inaccessible shorelines for educational and recreational activities.

To further strengthen its commitment to sustainability, Ford House recently announced the appointment of its first sustainability coordinator, Alexis Armstrong. The estate also announced the appointment of Cody Norman as Ford House’s first artist-in-residence for the 2024 Detroit Month of Design. Norman specializes in the innovative use of materials, particularly transforming used plastic into intricate works of art. His work, inspired by his experiences at Ford House, will be showcased in September.

The Ford House mission has evolved over time. Today, the



team endeavors to “build a sustainable, inclusive future by connecting people to the Ford Family Legacy and to each other through history, culture and love.”


“It embodies a playfulness and a love of community we believe Eleanor would have wanted,” says Manager of Engagement and Public Events Mary Ann Bauman.

“We want everybody in the community to feel welcome,” says Director of Communications and Engagement Tommy Karr. Many of the educational series at Ford House give voice to those often silenced.

“It speaks to the diversity of the staff members and the Ford House family as well,” says Karr.

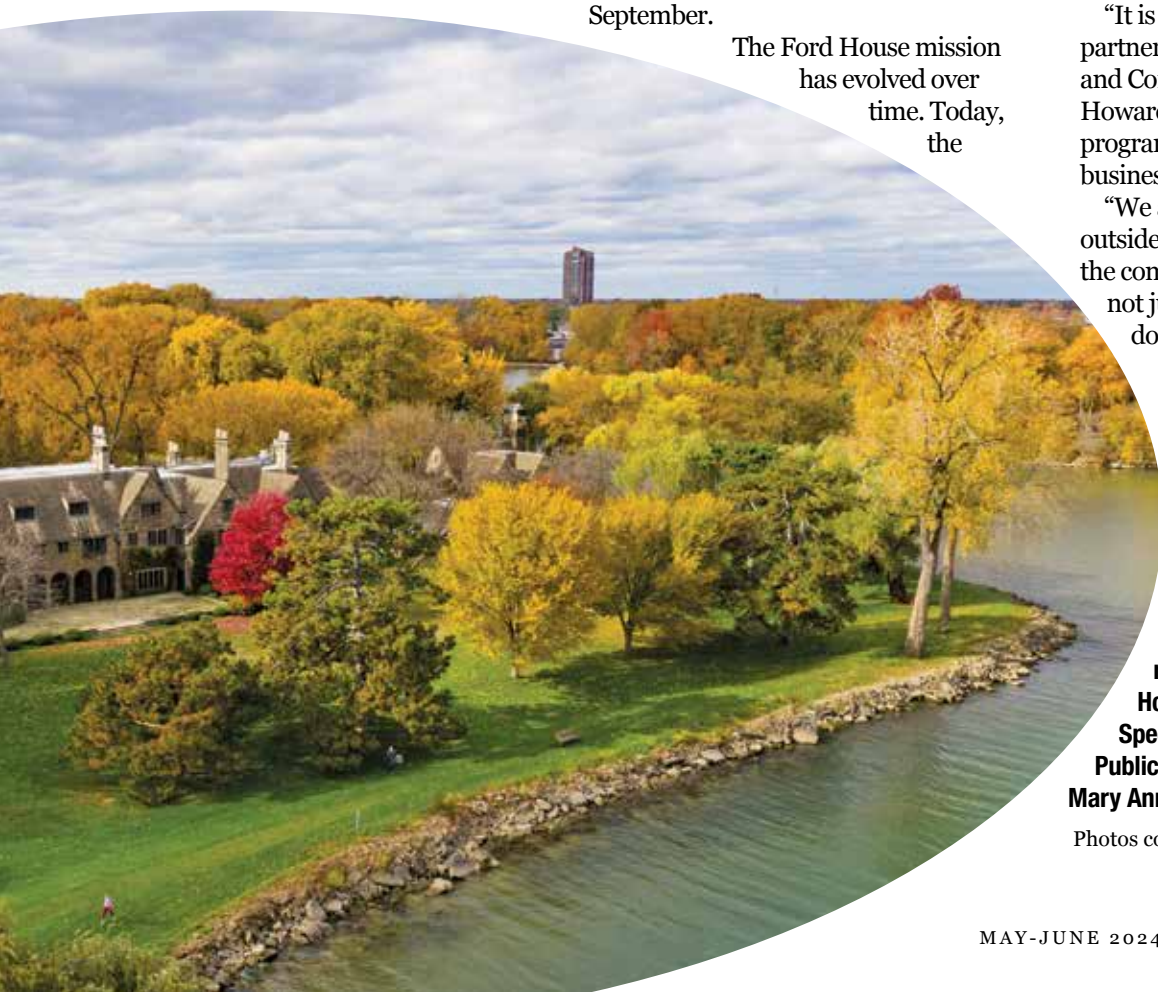
“It is also reflected in the people we partner with,” says Digital Marketing and Communications Specialist Malea Howard, of the diversity in Ford House programming, from entertainers to businesses to educators and beyond.

“We are trying to mirror what we see outside of that Ford House wall, to reflect the community,” says Bauman. “We are not just saying we are inclusive; we are doing it.”

For more information about Ford House, its sustainability efforts and its mission, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) and [fordhouse.org/sustainability](http://fordhouse.org/sustainability). 

**Top, Grand Valley State University Associate Dean and Michigan Cares for Tourism representative Paul Stansbie, Ford House Friendship and Development Specialist Britta Riashi and Ford House Public Events and Engagement Manager Mary Ann Bauman with the Pure Award**

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# Grosse Pointe Tree Canopy initiative sprouts

By Babe Carlisle

A healthy tree canopy adds to the character and beauty of the community, improves air quality and even increases home values. For these reasons and more, a new tree promotion effort, spearheaded by a group of concerned citizens, including Suzy Berschback, Ed Gotfredson and the Urban Forest Commission of Grosse Pointe City, aims to bolster the tree canopy of Grosse Pointe.

*"I want to see the five cities be as beautiful as they can be and, to me, that's more trees."*

"The tree canopy which I grew up with was much more dense than it is now," Berschback reflects on the changes in the tree population. More recently, the loss of many trees in the storm last July.

Berschback describes her part in the effort as an "awareness campaign for

species of trees to plant and how to care for them.

The benefits will not be immediate. "I think of it as a long-term project. It's for other generations to enjoy," she says.

Berschback plans to do her part to spread awareness in schools, seek funding for tree planting initiatives and help organize tree planting events.

One such initiative the group promotes is the All Pointes Tree Sale, a sale of trees at wholesale prices organized by the Farms in late April.

The hope is that the discounted prices encourage local residents to individually participate in this larger community project.

The decrease in tree coverage is not a new problem, Berschback says.


In the 1970s, Grosse Pointe's elm tree population was plagued with Dutch elm disease. Ash trees were then decimated by emerald ash borer in the early 2000s, according to the Urban Forest Commission of Grosse Pointe City. A goal of the program is to bolster the supply of trees that have been lost over time.

Another goal of the project is to maintain the beauty of Grosse Pointe. "I want to see the five cities be as beautiful as they can be and, to me, that's more trees," says Berschback.

Trees improve the environment, the air quality and provide great shade as summer temperatures soar. They can also improve the value of houses and the appearance of the neighborhood.

the good trees can do." She encourages the community to get active in learning more about the best trees for planting by partnering with consulting local arborists and hosting classes on which



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## Resources

**Big Tree Hunt:** [www.releafmichigan.org/big-tree-hunt.html](http://www.releafmichigan.org/big-tree-hunt.html)  
**Michigan ReLeaf Speakers Bureau:** [www.releafmichigan.org/tree-education-workshops.html](http://www.releafmichigan.org/tree-education-workshops.html)  
**How to pick, plant and care for trees:** [www.greeningofdetroit.com/caring-for-trees](http://www.greeningofdetroit.com/caring-for-trees)  
**Arbor Day Foundation:** [www.arborday.org/programs/community-forests/](http://www.arborday.org/programs/community-forests/)

**Left, to kick off the initiative, the group organized the 2024 All Pointes Tree Sale, starting with the sale of 100 trees at wholesale prices. Above, the goal is to increase the tree canopy to benefit the community.**

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# Fore The Helm

*The Helm readies for important fundraiser and millage*

By Lauren McGregor



**Left, David and Kathleen Zmyslowski and Cathy and Jim Beaton at the Afterglow; above, the putting contest**

Photos courtesy of The Helm

On Monday, June 24, The Helm at the Boll Life Center will host its sixth annual 'Fore The Helm' golf outing at Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods. The 18-hole scramble is the second largest fundraiser for The Helm and instrumental in supporting its annual budget.

"It's a casual day to come together as a community to support something we value. There are fun contests throughout the day. Last year, the women's foursome took the big prize. It was a riot," says Executive Director Krista Siddall. "Then the Afterglow provides an opportunity for camaraderie. Have a drink, enjoy some hors d'oeuvres and catch up with friends."

This will be Siddall's second golf outing with The Helm. She recently celebrated her one-year work anniversary. "It's been a really great year. I'm still busy learning the community and the nuances of The Helm. I have excellent support from staff. I'm duly impressed by their expertise and proud of the work we are doing. We have made big steps in programming and essential services."

For example, The Helm has expanded its hours to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Eventually, Siddall would like to expand evening hours three nights per week and open on weekends.

For her second year, Siddall looks forward to advocating for the passage of a senior services millage in all five Pointes and Harper Woods. "It is an important part of our overall future and would provide a sustainable source of income. For the longevity of our seniors, we have to be ready to react to the increased need for our services."

With the millage, The Helm could also invest in more innovative plans. "An adult day center and multiple locations where members can receive services," lists Siddall. "A public health pillar is meeting people where they're at. We want to expand our services and reach so our seniors can thrive."

Grosse Pointe has a higher than average percentage of senior citizens and that number is growing. In Michigan, 72 out of 83 counties have a senior service millage. Wayne County is one of only 11 without one.

"I hope it will be on the November ballot. I hope the community steps up and understands that funding half of our budget, creating a sustainable income,

through the millage would allow us to expand essential services as well as programs for caregivers and more," says Siddall.

She is especially focused on reaching people 35 to 55 years old. "To let them know we are here when they have questions about legal documents, care, dementia, healthcare services. They don't even necessarily know we exist. It's important moving forward, for them to know we are here when they need us."

Today, The Helm is at capacity with staff and building space. "We are working fundraiser to fundraiser. Instead of cutting, we want to grow. The millage will allow that."

Until the millage vote, be sure to support The Helm through its second largest fundraiser. Tickets to Fore The Helm are \$300 per person and \$50 for the Afterglow only and are available at [helmlife.org/fore-the-helm-2/](http://helmlife.org/fore-the-helm-2/). Sponsorships are still available at every price point.

Check-in begins at noon and comes with a boxed lunch, a shotgun start is at 1 p.m. and the Afterglow kicks off at 5:30 p.m. ☎

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# GARDENERS CREATE COMMUNITY

## GROSSE POINTE GARDEN TOUR

By Anne Erickson

The 32nd annual Grosse Pointe Garden Tour is set for Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. The beloved event offers the opportunity to tour captivating gardens of homes across the Grosse Pointe community.

This year, seven gardens will be featured to give attendees ideas and inspiration for their own gardens. All seven were planned, planted and maintained by the homeowners. In addition to the gardens, expect to see artists painting plein air, garden docents, hostesses to greet you, refreshments at two locations, a Garden Shoppe filled with garden items and native plants, a raffle, a scavenger hunt, the Ewald seed library and the master gardener table.

Pre-tour tickets are \$15 and available at [www.gpggardencenter.com](http://www.gpggardencenter.com) or at select merchants after Memorial Day. Day-of tickets will be available for \$20 at all the gardens and The War Memorial.

This year's theme is "Gardeners Create Community." "We chose this year's theme to emphasize the connection gardeners have with each other to strengthen a community interested in nature, horticulture and the environment," says Ginny Brown, who co-chairs the event with Kathy Brown. "We welcome everyone to visit the gardens and enjoy the beauty and creativity that the homeowners have demonstrated. Just seeing these beautiful gardens is very awe-inspiring and energizing."

"We as gardeners can do so much to add to the health of our environment," says Kathy. "One of the missions of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center is education. Along with the monthly lectures and activities we offer to the community, we present the Grosse Pointe Garden Center Annual Garden Tour every June."

Kathy continues, "The seven gardens ... will give ideas for planting small gardens with lots of personality and large gardens that can still be cozy. We selected gardens with a large variety of plantings and yard art and ones that show ways of attracting bees and butterflies for pollinating. We also took great care to feature beautiful planters, which add to the beauty and joy of all gardens."

In addition to the residential properties on the tour, Kathy and Ginny encourage visitors to enjoy the gardens at The War Memorial and around the new *Les Braves II* monument. [!\[\]\(6059a5aa8b4ca7bb793408023d6c6e42\_img.jpg\)](#)

**A featured garden in  
the 2024 Grosse Pointe  
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# Dear War Memorial Friends,

There is something miraculous about spring. It symbolizes fresh starts and new beginnings. We eagerly embrace budding trees and plants, sunshine, and warmer weather. As spring breathes new life into our surroundings, I am thrilled to celebrate not only the renewal of nature but also the vibrant spirit of our organization as we proudly mark our 75th anniversary this year.

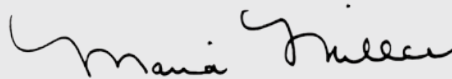
This milestone is a testament to the unwavering dedication and support of our community, board members, staff, and patrons throughout the years. It fills me with awe to reflect on the journey, and I am filled with optimism as we embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

As we look forward to the coming months, I am delighted to share with you a glimpse of the exciting events and offerings that await us:

- Check out new offerings: Dive into the joy of reading with our **Silent Book Club**; experience the **CAF Rise Above** travelling exhibit; bring the kids to our final **Mini Maestros Family Concert featuring Sean Dobbins**.
- As we strive to support our veterans in every possible way, join us for a book talk with Brig. Gen. Doug "Odie" Slocum as he discusses his new book "Violent Positivity."
- Join us on May 22nd for **An Evening of Red, White & Blue**, an annual gala that celebrates the essence of this institution that honors veterans while filling the soul with experiences and memories through cultural offerings. This year's proceeds will fund restoration efforts of the 114-year-old historic home.
- Revere the brave souls who fought for our freedom with a poignant ceremony commemorating the **80th Anniversary of D-Day Ceremony**.
- Enrich yourself or your child by attending a class. From art workshops to fitness, there's something for everyone to explore and enjoy. For those in need, our Children's Enrichment Scholarship Fund ensures that financial constraints never hinder a child's access to education, artistic expression, or recreation.

As we embrace the spirit of spring and embark on this journey of renewal, I extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your continued support and dedication. Together, we will continue to enrich lives, foster connections, and build a stronger, more vibrant community for generations to come.

Warm regards,



Maria Miller  
President & CEO  
The War Memorial



# VETERANS COMMITTEE NEWS

**Spring turns to summer with more veterans events at The War Memorial!**

Amidst the March celebrations at The War Memorial, one particularly poignant moment stood out: the joyous 100th birthday celebration of World War II veteran Larry Bennett on March 26. Bennett officially joined the esteemed ranks of centenarians, marking a milestone as remarkable as his service to our nation. For nearly three decades, he has been an active member of the Men's Club of Grosse Pointe which holds its meetings at The War Memorial.

Bennett is a regular attendee at our annual Veterans Day Breakfast, is part of the Grosse Pointe Veterans Club, and has resided in Grosse Pointe Woods since 1951.

If you're a veteran with an idea for the committee or have a topic you would like to hear about, contact Veterans Committee Chair, Alex Swarc at [aszwarc@warmemorial.org](mailto:aszwarc@warmemorial.org).

## UPCOMING VETERANS EVENTS

**VETERANS SEMINAR:**  
*SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION*  
THURSDAY, APRIL 25 | 11AM

**VET-TO-VET GATHERING**  
THURSDAY, MAY 9 | 8AM

**BOOK TALK**  
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THURSDAY, JUNE 27 | 6PM

## REMEMBERING MEMORIAL DAY AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

Since the inception of The War Memorial in March 1949, the patriotic ceremonies of Memorial Day have been an ongoing testament to its original focus and mission. The first Memorial Day service was on May 30, 1949, just two months after this former Russell A. Alger, Jr. estate became a public space.

The ceremony has basically remained the same over the decades. The ceremony began with the presentation, raising and half-masting of the colors by the Women's Auxiliaries of VFW Alger Post 995 and American Legion Alger Post 303. The rest of the program included placing of the wreath, reading of the WWII fallen, and Echo Taps by buglers.

By 1952, more groups assisted in the annual ceremony - from Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls to local clergy and dignitaries. By the

1980s more poignant moments were added, including the tolling of the bell, a lone bagpiper, and fighter jet flyovers from Selfridge's 127th Wing of the Michigan Air National Guard.

This year, on May 27, 2024, our Memorial Day service will commence at 10:00am marking our 75th Anniversary as The War Memorial. Service members and veterans, community organizations, local clergy and dignitaries, and citizens of all ages will gather on our back lawn to remember those who answered the call, who fought, died, or went missing to ensure our freedoms.

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## Ahead of 80th anniversary, veteran shares D-Day memories

**H**is unit was charged with putting pieces together for the D-Day operation, quite literally.

Howard Reilly was drafted into the Navy in June 1943 and was assigned to the Navy Seabees, officially known as the United States Naval Construction Battalions.

In October 1943, Reilly was sent to Scotland. The following months were spent preparing for the D-Day invasion.

"We knew we would have to figure out how to manage pier heads," he said. "They were all over the country so the Germans could never figure out what they were."

The pier heads operated as landing wharves at which ships were unloaded. "We found out we were going to build an artificial harbor for the invasion."

It was while Reilly was at South Hampton, England, when he and the other Seabees realized that all the pier heads were going to connect.

"We knew something was going to happen," he commented.

"Omaha Beach was the largest of the beaches with the biggest pier heads. Everything that came ashore went across this pier head. They would bring in thousands of men and tanks."



"We set up the artificial harbor and it took us nine days," he said. "I was on a pier head where ships would come and unload, we had to latch them together. We were about a quarter



*Howard Reilly is seen here in the bottom right. During World War II, Reilly was part of the United States Naval Construction Battalions.*

mile out and there was a floating bridge. We arrived at Omaha Beach the day after D-Day. The plan on D-Day was to get about 10 miles into Normandy. They didn't make it past the hedgerows."

His unit brought plenty of materials ashore, as well as thousands of troops in the span of a few days in June 1944. Reilly remained in France for a few months after D-Day. He returned to the U.S., then was sent to Guam in the Pacific.

To hear more D-Day-related stories, gather at The War Memorial on June 6 at 6 p.m. for a special 80th Anniversary of D-Day Ceremony. Join us on the back lawn for this commemorative ceremony.

# An Evening of **Red White & Blue**

Situated on the grounds of the historic 1910 Alger Estate, The War Memorial began in 1949 with a two-fold mission: to honor those who served and sacrificed for our great nation and to educate and enrich the community. For 75 years, The War Memorial has endeavored to fulfill these goals, encompassing arts, education, patriotism, and hospitality.

As we near Memorial Day, we invite our loyal supporters to join us at our celebration event, **An Evening of Red, White & Blue** on Wednesday, May 22. This year, we will

mark our momentous 75th year together as a community with an incredible evening filled with live music, gourmet cuisine, and exciting activities. All proceeds from the evening will contribute to the restoration of our 114-year-old estate home and the preservation of our rich heritage and mission.

To attend this event, or for more information on how you can make an impact for future generations, contact the Development Department at 313.881.7511.

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Every year, The War Memorial dedicates a time to honor our community's veterans, military members, and their families.

Memorial Week allows all of us in the community to recognize, reflect, and pay our respects as a community.

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# MEMORIAL WEEK

**Honor. Serve. Advocate.**



## *An Evening of Red, White & Blue*

Our annual gala, *An Evening of Red, White & Blue* is The War Memorial's premier fundraising event. Join us as we celebrate 75 years of patriotism, community, and legacy with a delightful evening filled with live music, delectable cuisine, and a 75th anniversary celebration complete with live auction!

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 22**  
**TIME: 6 PM**  
**COST: \$225**



## *Memorial Day Service*

On this Memorial Day, we gather to remember those who gave their lives in service and honor those who still serve and fight for our nation. This time-honored ceremony will include musical tributes, keynote remarks, and a recitation of the names of Grosse Pointe residents who lost their lives in service to our country.

**WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 27**  
**TIME: 10AM**  
**COST: FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



## *CAF Rise Above Traveling Exhibit*

The War Memorial is proud to host *Rise Above* - a traveling exhibit and immersive mobile movie theater featuring two original short films detailing the Tuskegee Airmen and Women Airforce Service Pilots and the obstacles they overcame in flying – and fighting – for their country. The exhibit is geared for all ages and will be open to the public June 5 - 8.

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5-SATURDAY, JUNE 8**  
**TIME: TIMES VARY; SEE WEBSITE FOR HOURS**  
**COST: FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



## *80th Anniversary of D-Day Commemoration*

Join us at the base of *Les Braves II: At Water's Edge* as we commemorate the anniversary of this pivotal moment in World War II. The event will feature a military fly-over and air show over Lake St. Clair, personal remarks by WWII veterans, and an entertaining USO-inspired big band performance from the Detroit-based Rhythm Society Orchestra.

**WHEN: THURSDAY, JUNE 6**  
**TIME: 5PM | GROUNDS OPEN; 6PM | CEREMONY BEGINS**  
**COST: FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

# SUMMERFEST

AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

## Celebrate Summer in Metro-Detroit's Backyard

For many Metro-Detroit families, summertime means family fun on the lake - and at the War Memorial that means SummerFest! Our annual festival returns this year with family-friendly concerts on our lakefront lawn in July & August!

No summer festival would be complete without awesome eats, and SummerFest features a mouth-watering menu comprised of both local food trucks and The War Memorial's own hospitality team, led by Chef Joe Paxton, delivering our own spin on classic Americana.

**New this year!** While SummerFest concerts are completely free to the public, you can support The War Memorial's commitment to providing low-cost family friendly programming by purchasing a VIP ticket! VIP tickets are only \$40 each and include premium reserved seating areas on both our balcony and near the stage, a folding chair provided for you, access to private cash bar, and a complimentary beverage. We appreciate your support!

*Please note, while picnics, picnic blankets and chairs are welcome, no outside beverages are permitted.*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



**JULY 10, 2024**  
**DAVE BENNETT BAND**

A War Memorial favorite returns with his special brand of rocka-billy and jazz to open our series!



**JULY 24, 2024**  
**CANCEL MONDAY**

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**AUGUST 7, 2024**  
**THORNETTA DAVIS**

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**AIR MARGARITAVILLE**

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*During the months of July and August, The War Memorial's lakefront grounds transform into a festival of free summertime fun.*



All SummerFest events are free and open to everyone from everywhere! Bring your lawn chair, blanket, or enjoy the festival from your boat! Grounds open at 6:30pm for all events, rain or shine.

[www.warmemorial.org/summerfest](http://www.warmemorial.org/summerfest)



# CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

To register for classes, visit [www.warmemorial.org/activities](http://www.warmemorial.org/activities)

**The War Memorial's classes and activities are open to the public!** Visit our website for full details and other offerings.

## SPORTS AND DANCE

### FENCING SESSIONS

May 13 - June 17 (Omit 5/27)  
June 24 - July 22

BEGINNER FENCING  
Mondays, 6-6:45pm

INTERMEDIATE FENCING  
Mondays, 6:50-7:35pm

ADULT FENCING  
Mondays, 7:40-8:25pm

### BALLROOM DANCING SESSIONS

April 23 - May 28

BEGINNER BALLROOM BASICS  
Tuesdays, 7-7:50pm

INTERMEDIATE BALLROOM BASICS  
Tuesdays, 8-8:50pm

### BELLYDANCE FOR EVERYBODY

Tuesdays, 7-8pm  
April 9 - May 14

### LINE DANCING

Wednesdays, 6-7pm  
April 24 - May 29

## ARTS, CRAFTS, & HOBBIES

### NEW CLASS

#### NOURISH & SAVOR COOKING CLASS WITH MICHELLE BOMMARITO

Sunday, April 27 | 3-6pm  
Saturday, June 15 | 2-5pm

### NEW CLASS

#### SILENT BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, 6-8pm  
Starting April 9

#### LEARN TO PAINT LIKE BOB ROSS

Friday, April 19 | 6-9pm  
Saturday, May 25 | 1-4pm  
Friday, June 21 | 6-9pm

#### WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm  
May 15 - June 19

### NEW CLASS

#### INTRO TO DRAWING

Mondays, 6:30-8pm  
May 13 - June 24 (Omit 5/27)

## FUSED GLASS CHARCUTERIE BOARDS

Thursday, May 23 | 6-8:30pm

### BASIC BIKE MAINTENANCE WITH B3

Thursday, April 11 | 6:30 - 8:30pm  
Thursday, May 30 | 6:30 - 8:30pm

## YOUTH AND FAMILY

### NEW CLASS

#### GROWING GOURMETS COOKING CLASS WITH RAT2EE

SUSHI & MISO SOUP  
Saturday, 11am-1pm  
April 27

LUXURIOUS BRUNCH  
Saturday, 11am-1pm  
June 1

### NEW CLASS

#### EXPLORING 2D ART: DRAWING & PAINTING

Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30pm  
May 13 - June 10 (Omit 5/27)  
(4-Week Session)

### TUMBLEBUNNIES BALLET (AGES 3 - 5)

Wednesdays, 5:00 - 5:30pm  
April 10 - June 5 (Omit 5/22)  
June 26 - August 21

### TUMBLEBUNNIES GYMNASTICS (WEDNESDAYS)

April 10 - June 5 (Omit 5/22)  
June 26 - August 21  
AGES 18mo - 3 | 6 - 6:30pm  
AGES 3 - 5 | 6:35 - 7:05pm  
AGES 5 - 7 | 7:10 - 7:40pm

### TUMBLEBUNNIES GYMNASTICS (THURSDAYS)

April 11 - May 30  
June 27 - August 22  
AGES 18mo - 3 | 5:30 - 6:00pm  
AGES 3 - 5 | 6:05 - 6:35pm  
AGES 5 - 7 | 6:40 - 7:10pm  
AGES 8 - 10 | 7:15 - 7:45pm

### BABYSITTER SAFETY WITH OPTIONAL PET SITTER SAFETY

Sunday, 9am-3pm  
May 19

### TINKERGARTEN 6-WEEK SESSION

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30am  
May 7 - June 11

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

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APRIL 20  
Family Music Series  
JOE REILLY AND FRIENDS



APRIL 21  
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APRIL 24  
AN EVENING  
WITH  
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MAY 3  
Beginner's Watercolor  
PAINT AND POUR:  
FLORAL STILL  
LIFE



MAY 3  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL DANCE



MAY 5  
Original Film Sneak Peek  
Unlocking Desire Film  
Project with BARBARA  
NERI, FILMMAKER



MAY 8  
SIP & SCRIPT  
CALLIGRAPHY  
CLASS



MAY 9  
VET-TO-VET



MAY 18  
Family Music Series  
SEAN DOBBINS



MAY 22  
An Evening of RED,  
WHITE, & BLUE

Memorial Week  
Celebrations



MAY 27  
Honoring Our Heroes  
MEMORIAL DAY  
CELEBRATION



JUNE 5-8  
CAF RISE ABOVE  
TRAVELING  
EXHIBIT



JUNE 6  
80th Anniversary  
D-DAY  
CELEBRATION



JUNE 27  
Violent Positivity:  
BOOK TALK WITH  
BRIG. GEN. DOUG  
'ODIE' SLOCUM



JULY 10  
SUMMERFEST:  
DAVE BENNETT

SummerFest At  
The War Memorial

Memorial Week Celebrations



JULY 17  
FEVER:  
CANDLELIGHT  
CONCERT



JULY 18  
FEVER:  
CANDLELIGHT  
CONCERT



JULY 24  
SUMMERFEST:  
CANCEL  
MONDAY



AUGUST 7  
SUMMERFEST:  
THORNETTA  
DAVIS



AUGUST 24  
SUMMERFEST:  
AIR  
MARGARITAVILLE

SummerFest At The War Memorial

# Sailing, Together

By Ted Everingham

It started when I enrolled in an adult learn-to-sail class at a local club. After my first lessons, I was so excited that I asked my wife Marcia to take the class. Her answer was quick and definite: “No!”

“Why?” I asked.

“I’m just not comfortable in boats!”

As that summer continued and my enthusiasm for sailing grew, I often repeated my plea, but Marcia’s answer and the reason were always the same.

Then one evening, I told Marcia that I was going to want to take our young family sailing, and she should know enough to get us back if something happened to me. Her maternal instincts kicked in: “Okay,” she said with a barely audible sigh.

Fast-forward a year: Marcia was taking that same sailing class, and after her very first evening, her enthusiasm equaled or exceeded mine. “I learned that I had control over the boat...and besides, sailing was fun,” she recalls.

Fast-forward another year: We began racing those same 19-foot sailboats together in Saturday races on Lake St. Clair. We shared the same club-owned, club-assigned sailboat, taking turns as “skipper” (the person steering boat) and crew, with our older son as the third person aboard.

Every Friday evening, we were at the club together, scrubbing the bottom of “our” boat to prepare for the race the next day. That routine continued for a number of years. Marcia recounts, “What was important was that we were equals in something, and I got to be the ‘boss’ now and then.”

Truth be known, Marcia won more trophies and flags than I did.

In time, I moved on to race bigger boats and then to judging. Marcia began running races, eventually at national and international levels. We were “giving back.” Together.

And it all started because I wanted to learn to sail.

*Ted Everingham is past commodore of Bayview Yacht Club and is on the board of the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation.*



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# Countdown to the 100th Bayview Mackinac Race

By Susan Bollinger

This year marks the 100th consecutive running of the Bayview Mackinac Race presented by National Fleet Services. The Race, which has earned the prestigious distinction of being the longest continuously run long distance freshwater yacht race in the world, already has more than 325 boats registered to compete, shattering the 1985 record of 316.

Race Chair and Grosse Pointe Woods resident Charlie Trost, who hasn't missed the competition in 22 years, says, "At Bayview, we've been planning for the 2024 race for three years and the entire sailing community is counting down to the start."

On Saturday, July 20, boats and crews will head out to Lake Huron for the 10:30 a.m. start, from the traditional start line in southern Lake Huron.

In a nod to history, the fleet will sail the 1925 Original Course. Trost explains, "There are usually two courses, the Shore Course and the Cove Island Course. Following the Original Course, the boats will sail north, then pass south of Bois Blanc Island and finish west to east, between Round Island and


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Mackinac Island, near the original finish line. We expect a quick race — the Original Course is 55 miles shorter than the Cove Island route, usually taken by most of the larger, faster boats."

Learn more about the history of the race by visiting Belle Isle's Dossin Great Lakes Museum. Beginning Saturday, May 18, the museum will offer a special, limited-time exhibit, "Challenge these Waters: A

century of sailing from Detroit to Mackinac Island."

For more information, visit Bayview Yacht Club online at [byc.com](http://byc.com) or Bayview Mackinac Race at [bymack.com](http://bymack.com). During the event, click on "RaceTracking" to watch real-time GPS positioning of all the race boats. On your mobile device, download the free app "YB Races." 

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# Grosse Pointe Pride 2024

By Lauren McGregor




Grosse Pointe Pride, hosted by WeGP, returns to The Village Saturday, June 15, 12-2 p.m. “Since the start of GP Pride in 2017, our vision has been to show the residents, neighbors and visitors of the Grosse Pointes that our community is welcoming and accepting of all families and individuals no matter who you love or how you identify,” says event organizer Andrea Joy.

For the 2024 event, there will again be a Pride March beginning and ending at the location of the festival at St. Clair and Kercheval, a children’s area with a parachute and story time, a family-friendly drag performance, face painting, rock painting and photo opportunities.

This year, attendees will also have the opportunity to thank state and local government officials for recent passing of LGBTQ+ protections.

“We are a family-friendly and youth-focused event. Suicide rates for LGBTQ youth that believe their community is very accepting of LGBTQ people is less than half of those that describe their community as very unaccepting. We want our youth to feel welcome, supported and celebrated,” says Joy.

That support is increasing. Last year, GP Pride had 10 business sponsors. “This year, we are welcoming over 40, including The Family Center, Ford House, The War Memorial and The Village of Grosse Pointe,” says Joy.

A rain date is set for June 22. For more information, sponsorship opportunities and updates on ‘Paint the Window’ dates, visit [wegp.org](http://wegp.org) or find Grosse Pointe Pride by WeGP on Facebook. 



## Ford House Summer Concert Series

With a diverse range of musical styles and talents, the Outdoor Summer Concert Series at Ford House promises something for everyone to enjoy under the summer sky.

Kicking off the series on Friday, June 28, at 7 p.m., the renowned, Detroit-based Gabriel Brass Band will take center stage. The vibrant performances are infused with New Orleans energy and up-tempo traditional jazz, funk and hip-hop.

Next, on Friday, July 19, at 7 p.m., prepare for a high-energy performance from The Killer Flamings, Detroit’s biggest and best party band.

On Friday, August 9, at 7 p.m., get ready to groove to the sounds of Motown as the Dave Hamilton Band pays tribute to the legendary genre.

Finally, on Friday, August 23, at 6:30 p.m., the Michigan Philharmonic will perform “Car-Tunes!” Led



by acclaimed conductor Nan Washburn, the orchestra will enchant audiences with car-inspired music from “Grease,” “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang,” “Disney’s Cars,” “Back to the Future” and more!

Package tickets to all four outdoor summer concerts will be available for purchase by Friends of Ford House through Monday, May 13. Package tickets are \$145 per individual for VIP seating and \$75 per individual for general seating.


Tickets for individual concerts go on sale to Friends of Ford House on Tuesday, May 14, and will be available for purchase by the public on Tuesday, May 28. Friends of Ford House receive a discounted ticket rate of \$40 per individual for VIP seating and \$20 per individual for general seating. Public tickets are \$50 per individual for VIP seating and \$25 per individual for general seating. Tickets may be purchased at [fordhouse.org/concerts](http://fordhouse.org/concerts). 

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# THE WAR MEMORIAL | 75 YEARS

By Lauren McGregor



Photo by Lauren McGregor

The War Memorial hit 75 years of patriotic and cultural service with two mammoth projects in recent years — first, the opening of the Fred M. Alger Center, and more recently, the installation of *Les Braves II*. They are just gearing up.

“It’s been a whirlwind. I came in as CFO and nine months later the CEO, Charles Burke, left,” says President & CEO Maria Miller. “The first task at hand was getting *Les Braves II* on a ship from France. Thankfully, the team is all Rosie the Riveters, rolling up their sleeves with a can-do attitude.”

That energy will be especially useful as the team dives into much needed preservation work.

“What Fred Alger’s gift did was take pressure off of the house and give us the ability to start restoring,” says Miller. “We are actively fundraising for preservation and restoration work and his gift was instrumental.”

All proceeds from this year’s annual gala, *An Evening of Red, White & Blue*, on May 22, will go toward the historic restoration effort.

While not a benefit of the gala this year, one pricey restoration being considered is The Patriot Theater, which flooded in 2021. “It will return, new and improved,” says Miller.

In a community survey, there was an

overwhelming demand for the theater’s return, but with the advice that some improvements be made. Miller is taking that advice seriously and looks forward to making an announcement in the future. Before that, The War Memorial will see a jam-packed spring and summer.

Because *Les Braves II: At Water’s Edge* is the only twin of *Les Braves* on the beaches of Normandy, a celebration of the 80th anniversary of D-Day at The War Memorial on June 6 is a must.

“It will be a respectful commemoration and a celebration for everything our heroes did for us so we could live the way we live,” says Miller.

She adds that she wishes more people understood the significance of the newly installed statue. “Hearing the artist’s story, it means a lot to me.” Read more about the fascinating installation at [warmemorial.org/lesbraves](http://warmemorial.org/lesbraves).


At the D-Day Celebration, Miller says there will be brief remarks before a USO style concert. Food trucks and beverages will be on hand for guests, and ‘Rise Above’, a traveling exhibit, will be open to the public June 5-8.

As it embarks on the next 75 years, The War Memorial is ramping up programming for veterans. “Thanks to Alex Szwarc, chair of the internal veterans committee, every month we have a veterans event. Our staff is being

trained to learn more about how to honor and serve those who served us. We want to provide education about veterans’ services,” says Miller. “We are working to ensure that we have service-minded team members who want excellence and can get behind the mission.”

Miller emphasizes the humility and gratitude she feels in leading her “amazing team.”

“I will do my best to lead and steer The War Memorial in the right direction so that this institution is thriving long after I am gone.”

Visit [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org) for information about events and the 75th anniversary. 

## The History of The War Memorial

Built in 1910 for Russell A. Alger, Jr. and his family, the home was originally called The Moorings. After Russell Alger’s death in 1930, the family sought a way for the house to be used to improve the quality of life in the community. From 1936 to 1948, the building became a branch of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

In 1949, following the death of Alger’s grandson, Henry Chaney, in World War II, it was dedicated by the newly-formed Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association to serve as a perpetual memorial to the 3,500 Grosse Pointers who served and the 126 who died in World War II, and to serve as a continuing center for educational and charitable activities.


Today, The War Memorial serves an estimated 250,000 individuals with over 3,000 functions annually, in fulfillment of its mission to be a patriotic, cultural and community leader.



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Located in The Village of Grosse Pointe, The Whiskey Six is a family friendly gastropub that serves great food alongside classic cocktails, craft beer and boasts a well provisioned wine cellar. The name and establishment pay homage to a day when Detroit was the nation's rum-running port. Under new owner Dino Ropotos, the emphasis is on not just fine whiskey, wine and craft beers, but also on a friendly, family environment with great menu items — including amazing Salads and Shareables (Butter Board, Caprese Bites, Lettuce Wraps) Burgers and Tacos (including the crowd-pleasing Smokehouse Burger), Pastas, Pizzas and unforgettable Entrees, including Filet Mignon, Atlantic Salmon, Pork Chop Marsala, Fish and Chips, Kabobs, Octopus Char Grilled, Chicken Milanese and Hunan Shrimp. Menu prices range from \$10-\$39. Keeping with the emphasis on families with a menu for kids as well. Clearly, there is something for everyone at The Whiskey Six, including the atmosphere!  

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By Lauren McGregor



Andrea Jones, owner of Nothing Bundt Cakes in Ann Arbor, Sterling Heights and now Grosse Pointe, says the journey has been a whirlwind.

“I was working in the automotive industry. If someone would have told me I would own these bakeries, I would have laughed at them,” says Jones. “I’d been trying to shift the culture where I was, but it was mentally and emotionally exhausting. Then I was introduced to Nothing Bundt Cakes as a gift while in Texas. I said, ‘oh my gosh, these are so good.’ There were none in Michigan.”

She opened her first store in 2019 and hasn’t looked back. “I love to bake. My grandmother was a baker. She made pound cakes using a bundt tin.”

Nothing Bundt Cakes has 11 flavors that come in four sizes. “Bundtinis are golf ball size and a great way to try multiple flavors. There about two bites each and you can get a custom box that has every flavor.”

Bundtlets are softball size. There are also eight and 10-inch cakes, with the option for tiers for special events.

Jones’s favorite flavor is the lemon. “It has a ripe flavor, perfectly balanced and light” — delicious flavor profile for summer cookouts and graduation party season.

“Our bundt cakes are moist and flavorful,” says Jones. “Something that sets us apart is our signature butter cream cheese frosting. It’s so good, we use it on all the cakes.”

At the ribbon cutting in February, Jones was overwhelmed by the turnout. “There were people there from every community I’ve had a bakery in. The business community in The Village is awesome. I had yet to experience something like that. It warms my heart how supportive they are.”

A fourth location, in Allen Park, is currently in the works. That will make Jones’s fourth location in just five years. Her Sterling Heights store is the number one selling location in the state.

“My bakeries are safe havens for our team members. They greet customers with genuine smiles,” says Jones. “I love being able to give them opportunities.”

She looks forward to her first summer in the Pointes. “For the walking weather and foot traffic in The Village,” the Grosse Pointe bakery boasts the longest hours of any of her locations. “I would also love to partner with organizations and schools. It’s going to be a really great first year for the Grosse Pointe location.”

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# Inspiring tomorrow's scientists, equipping students, in robotics to biotechnology, at Star of the Sea

By Lauren McGregor

At Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School, you won't find students tiredly reading science texts and memorizing facts with no real world application. Instead, you'll find excited classmates collaborating and problem solving while building a robot, using a pipette to analyze DNA, engineering an incubator, and learning well beyond middle school curriculum.

"My philosophy is to do hands-on learning," says science teacher Danielle Trudel, who double majored in biology and environmental sciences at Adrian College and earned a master's degree in

what the curriculum is."

Trudel's labs run the gamut, from engineering and biotechnology to STEM and robotics. She quickly lists just a few of these labs: Fourth grade dissected a pig's eye. Students completed an earthquake challenge, involving the design and creation of a tower that wouldn't collapse. Sixth grade students designed working windmills. Others created functioning scooters that have to satisfy Newton's three laws. Eighth graders made a device to fix a broken femur and

funded electrophoresis machines and simulated DNA.

"It's very difficult to pipette into gels. It is okay to fail. Students learn how to persevere," says Trudel. "It's also important that they get to see and feel the equipment as opposed to virtual learning."

Along with an innovative biotechnology lab, Star has added robotics to the curriculum. "From kindergarten through eighth grade, Ms. Walter leads robotics. It is integrated into the science classroom and ties into our two FIRST LEGO teams, which is part of our Star Lights after school program. Ms. Dobija, the head advisor for our LEGO teams, is also one of our pre-K teachers."


Star students are also able to see the applicability of these STEM skills in the fifth grade, when they attend 'Starbase' at Selfridge Air Base. This year will be the school's first year back since before the pandemic. The students spend five full days over a period of five weeks at Selfridge deep diving into hands-on STEM learning and experiments.

At Star, there is an awareness around careers in STEM from a young age and through graduation.

"In eighth grade, we explore each category of science and careers within them, the pay, the schooling needed, the day-to-day tasks," says Trudel. "We need more young people in the science fields."

It warmed her heart recently when a group of graduating Grosse Pointe North students emailed her with news that they'd all been accepted into the University of Michigan and were pursuing careers in science — largely due to the foundation she had laid.

"We are able to be faith and family-based because of our class sizes. We have a relationship with every child and help on all levels," says Trudel.

Our Lady Star of the Sea is still accepting applications for the 2024-25 year and welcomes students to take a shadow day. Learn more at [olsos.org](https://olsos.org). 



**Middle school Star students in a science lab; above, Danielle Trudel**

secondary education from Wayne State University. "I pull a lot from my high school teaching background but make it age-appropriate. For example, seventh graders are studying chemistry and physics. I teach what I did in high school but broken into a weeklong lab instead of a day."

Through her methods, students gain confidence and communication and problem-solving skills. "They learn to work through struggles. They have grit," she says. "I tell them, I'm going to push you a little further, and do more than

performed surgery and suturing. Seventh graders created an incubator that maintains the appropriate temperature for snake eggs to survive.

Most impressive, perhaps, is the biotechnology lab. "Some high schools don't do this. Students pipette into gels and separate the simulated DNA," says Trudel. "This is a real-life lab tech skill. In biotechnology research, this is the first skill you learn. Students analyze the binding patterns of people and match them to the crime scene."

The annual Star of the Sea auction





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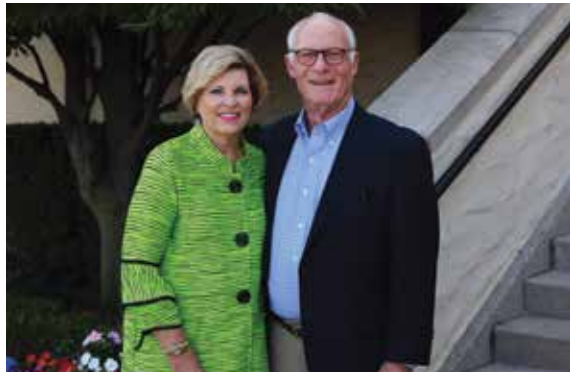


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## Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education Spring Benefit's far reach

By Susan Bollinger

Every year, the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (GPFPE) holds a Spring Benefit that, over time, has raised funds to support academic enhancements at every school and grade level in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

According to GPFPE President Cynthia Sohn, “The Spring Benefit brings together young Grosse Pointe families, residents with recent graduates and grandparents who come back and continue to support the Foundation. It’s a happy occasion where everyone is rooting for all the students throughout the district.”

At past Spring Benefits, the Grosse Pointe North band members showed off their newly funded uniforms for supporters and the “Botzmasters” presented their robot.


The event is the Foundation’s biggest fundraiser of the year. This spring it is Thursday, May 2, at The War Memorial and it quickly sold out. Joe and Beth Moran of Grosse Pointe Farms are the 2024 honorary chairs and Diamond Sponsors.

Since 2007, the Foundation has funded more than \$4.2 million in

grants to teachers, parents, students and administrators. Diverse programming has received vital support, including:

- Leader in Me, to develop life skills
- Sensory room equipment in elementary, middle and high schools
- Recess and physical education equipment for elementary and middle schools
- Band and orchestra instruments and high school marching band uniforms
- Leveled literacy guide systems for elementary schools
- Training and certification for therapy dogs
- Special resources and needs for robotics and STEM programs in middle and high schools

“When selecting grant recipients, we make sure we positively impact as many students in as many programs as possible,” explains Sohn. “Students at all levels benefit from the extra resources and enhancements we provide in and out of the classroom.”

Learn more at <https://gpfpe.org>. 



**Top, Honorary Chairs Beth and Joe Moran; top, right, Grosse Pointe North Band in new uniforms; above, Botzmasters with their robot**

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# Dr. Klein honored with namesake library

By John Minnis



Samuel M. Brownell served 11 years as superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System and got a school named after him. So it only seems fair that Dr. C. Suzanne Klein, the longest serving superintendent (14 years) in the district's 102-year history get something named after her.

Grosse Pointe North High School




expectations. Dr. Klein is a true learner and inspires those around her to continue learning. She is simply exceptional."

The former board president confirmed the North principal's account. "During a tour of Grosse Pointe North at the beginning of the school year, we (board members) were touring the newly renovated library, at which time Dr. Murray made a comment in passing that it would be nice to name the library after Dr. Klein," Ismail recalls. "Knowing Dr. Klein as a superintendent, mentor and friend for close to 20 years, I thought it was a great idea, so I sponsored the resolution to name the library the C. Suzanne Klein Library. The other members of the school board overwhelmingly supported the resolution. I am so happy to see Dr. Murray's idea come to fruition."

Klein retired in 2011 after 41 years in GPPSS, first as special education teacher and then as an administrator, Pierce Middle School principal and, finally, being name superintendent in 1997. She wasn't quite "fresh out of college" when she hired into GPPSS, but close. She had served a short time in a St. Clair Shores school district before coming down to the Pointes. Her professional career, she admits, was shaped in Grosse Pointe. After retirement, she went on to Oakland University to teach all she had learned to future school administrators.

One of her Grosse Pointe mentees was Chris Fenton, who came out of retirement last year as interim superintendent.

"I had the privilege of working with Suzanne my entire career and directly reporting to her as the deputy superintendent," Fenton recalls. "During that time she faced many challenges, but she did it with confidence and dignity. She was creative, hard working and a great communicator to staff, students and the community. She was trustworthy, patient and honest. She was the best!"

Suzanne Klein will be honored at the district's annual Community Luncheon to be hosted this year by Grosse Pointe North High School. 

While the C. Suzanne Klein Library and associated plaque are seen daily by students and staff inside the school, North High School Principal Kate Murray felt the outside public should be able join in the celebration. Hence the "Home of the C. Suzanne Klein Library" sign was added above the main entrance of the school.

Top photo by John Minnis; above right photo by The Portrait Place

Principal Kate Murray had the same thought, and during a school board tour of the newly renovated library, she recalls mentioning, "It would be nice to have the library named after Dr. Klein." Ahmed Ismail, school board past president, heard the recommendation and brought it to the Board Facilities Committee. The resolution — submitted by Ahmed Ismail, Lisa Papas and Virginia Jeup — was approved by the full board on Sept. 26.

"Dr. Klein hired all four of our current administrators at North as teachers over 25 years ago," Murray says of her desire to have Klein recognized at North. "She has been an inspirational role model and supportive mentor to each of us. We watched in awe as she guided the district through many challenges, and she did it with wisdom and grace. We learned from her example and strive to continually focus on having high expectations for all students while ensuring each of them has what they need to meet those

See Publisher John Minnis's column on page 8 for comments from Dr. Suzanne Klein.



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## Suntastic Swim School celebrates 10 years

By Karen Kaled

Ten years ago, Suzette Atrasz Kapla, of Grosse Pointe, was busy working and, to her frustration, missing many of her children's after-school events. At the same time, she was researching swim schools. When she realized how few options existed, Kapla decided to use the many connections she'd made over her years of coaching swim teams and start her own small business offering private swim lessons.

"The first summer I took a risk and I started doing home lessons myself," says Kapla. Just by word of mouth, she was quickly booked through the short Michigan summer.

By the second year, Kapla realized her business required a year-round program to satisfy the demand. Kapla secured a pool at Lakeview High School in St. Clair Shores and put into motion Suntastic Swim School.

Instructors are armed with a structured protocol designed to build a trusting relationship between swimmer and teacher. The program also incorporates fun games — floating sponge letters designed to sneak in a little reading lesson and music to make the atmosphere festive. Kapla says that with this method of teaching, "we produce results faster."

Over the course of ten successful years, Suntastic Swim School has taught 2,500 children, ages two to 12, the skill of swimming. During that time, it is inevitable that instructors have become well attuned to motivating even the most apprehensive swimmers.

"The instructor starts talking to them about anything and everything besides swimming," says Kapla. "We use calm voices."

When asked where she sees the school heading in the next 10 years, Kapla says, "I'm increasing staff, updating curriculum and teaching theories, expanding summer 'Home Pool' swim lessons and lifeguard services for private parties and special events. I'm constantly

thinking what we can do better."

Today, Suntastic Swim School has 12 instructors who teach no more than four students each. Kapla says that one of the first lessons that students are taught is "If you fall, you grab a wall."

Kapla adds fervently, "Swimming is a life skill. Trust me, this is one activity you do not take your child out of. You've got to learn to swim because there are consequences."

For more information and to enroll, visit [www.suntasticswimschool.com](http://www.suntasticswimschool.com) or call (904)-800-SWIM (7946). ☎



Above middle, Suzette Atrasz Kapla

# Meet Dr. Andrea Tuttle

Grosse Pointe Public School System's new superintendent

By Lauren McGregor

This February, following a unanimous vote by the Board of Education, the community welcomed Dr. Andrea C. Tuttle as the new superintendent of Grosse Pointe Public School System. She brings with her decades of experience in education, including 14 years as superintendent of Owosso Public Schools.

"I wasn't seeking another position and had assumed I would work the remainder of my career in Owosso. But when the Grosse Pointe position opened up, I chose to apply," says Tuttle. "I'm familiar with the community because my mom grew up here. I am keenly aware of the tremendous public school system and how the community supports its public schools. Grosse Pointe has traditionally exemplified the best in education and I am excited for the opportunity to lead the district into the future. It is an honor."

Tuttle calls herself a lifelong learner and a relationship builder.

"I appreciate that this community understands that a public school district's success dictates the success of the community," she says. "This community understands it takes a village. No one entity can do it on their own. I will work to ensure that I meet the needs of the

**"I love everything public education has to offer, and I love working with people who feel similar.**

**This is one of the most challenging and most rewarding jobs. Nothing gives me more satisfaction than seeing a student succeed.**

district and the community, and the expectations of both."

With an International Baccalaureate background, Tuttle believes "the world is getting smaller. Cherish the past but embrace the future. My goal is to prepare students to be successful in Grosse Pointe and beyond."

There are ten learner traits that Tuttle wants all students to possess when they leave the district. "All students should strive to be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, calculated risk takers, balanced and reflective."

She is passionate about educating the whole child. "Simple things matter — a great handshake, eye contact, confidence, the ability to problem solve respectfully," she says. "These are skills our students should possess."

Beyond that, Tuttle is dedicated to offering robust and varied academic opportunities and extracurricular programs that engage students with content that is rigorous and relevant.

"For PreK through 12th grade students, our job is to offer as many opportunities as possible. Students should take advantage of all the tremendous opportunities. Knowing that you don't like something is equally as important as knowing what you do like. Through exposure to many opportunities, you can then find and pursue your passion."

One of Tuttle's biggest goals for the school district is a focus on both career and college preparation.



"I want this to be a district of opportunities, for college- and career-bound students." she says. "For college-bound students, SAT prep is an important piece of assessment that can dictate their college-bound trajectory."

Though this summer won't be a time of rest for the new superintendent, Tuttle says she is eager to make a difference and to more deeply embed herself in the community. She and her husband, a school RN (Registered Nurse) have made the move to Grosse Pointe, with two children currently studying at University of Michigan. She shares that in her (limited) free time, she enjoys theater, scuba diving, reading and being outdoors.

"I've had an overwhelming welcome from school administrators, students, parents," she says. "I love everything public education has to offer, and I love working with people who feel similar. This is one of the most challenging and most rewarding jobs. Nothing gives me more satisfaction than seeing a student succeed." ♡

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## Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop Jr. *reflects on an award-winning year and hopes for the future*

By Lauren McGregor

Dr. Roy Bishop, Jr. has had quite the school year. In October, the Grosse Pointe Public School System (GPPSS) deputy superintendent was one of only 20 educators statewide to receive the Leadership in Education award at the 10th annual African American Leadership Awards held at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Then, in March, Bishop received an award, ‘In Recognition of Service to Achieve Equity, Political Rights and Social Inclusion,’ at the NAACP Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods annual Freedom Fund at The War Memorial.

“It’s an honor to be recognized,” says Bishop, who has served as deputy superintendent for three years. “None of this would be possible without the support of my family. The sacrifices my wife made for my career advancement, her selflessness is why I am here today.”

Bishop lives in Grosse Pointe Woods with wife Latoya and their three children, all of whom attend Grosse Pointe Public Schools.

Bishop served as principal of Mason Elementary School for five years before becoming deputy superintendent. Working at Mason, Bishop says, was one of the best experiences of his life.

“When you walk inside, it’s evident we are a family. Being able to build that family atmosphere and make positive relationships with students and families, I now use that at the district level.”

His own journey toward a career in education started at his high school in Saginaw. “I thought basketball would be my ticket to college. But Mr. Riesler, my language arts teacher, pulled me aside and said, ‘you have greatness inside you.’ For someone to recognize me outside of basketball sparked something in me. I wanted to do that for others.

“My father said, in education, you can still get involved in sports. In education,

students can see someone like you. I realized I could make an impact.”

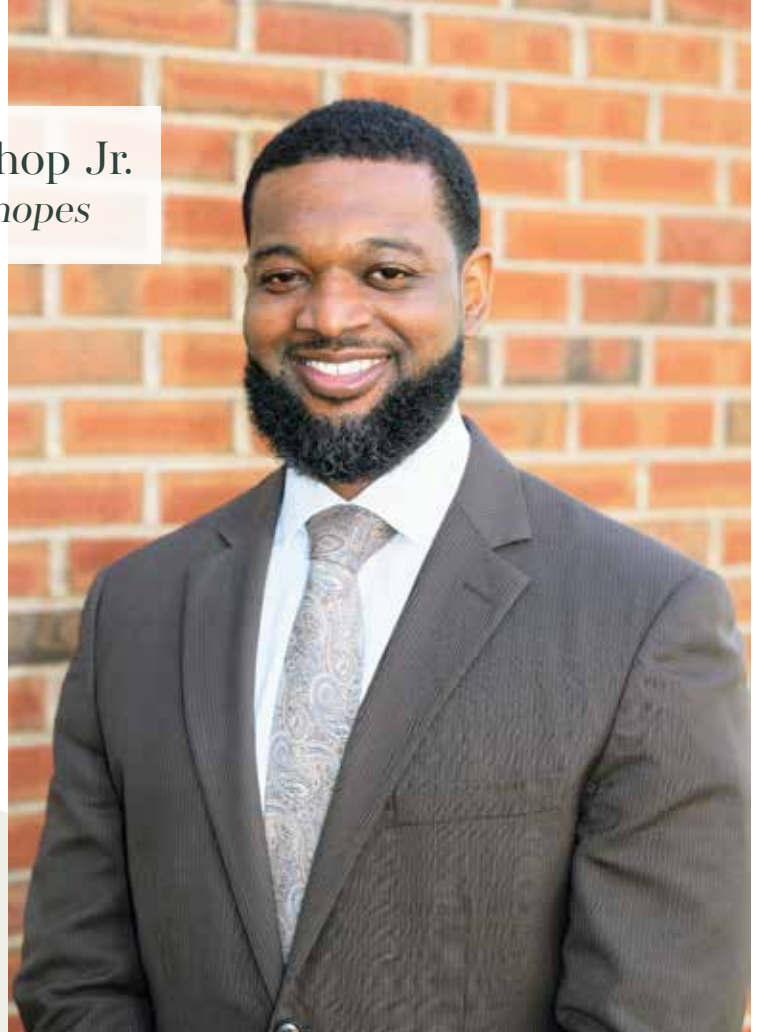
Representation is key, says Bishop. “Some of the things I saw were eye opening. When I toured one of our schools, a student told me I couldn’t be the principal. He couldn’t believe it. I want kids to know it’s possible. Representation is a huge part of making sure our kids are valued and represented.”

Bishop earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University and a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from Marygrove College. He holds an education specialist degree in leadership and a doctorate in education from Oakland University.

Today, his goal is to listen to students and teachers and fulfill their needs to the best of his ability. “Whether it’s a student in need of shoes, an AP class, a CTE program or reading support, I want to make sure we are supporting everyone.

“While we go through this time of budget reductions, I want to be a connector in a fractured community. It’s always unsettling to have budget issues, but our funding has to maintain sustainability as a district. If you have any concerns, come to the experts. If you want to hear about the great things going on here, visit us. We encourage you to talk to us. Not everything you read online is the truth.”

Having spent years as a teacher, instructional coach and assistant



principal in Birmingham, Bishop is especially aware of what makes GPPSS special. “The community support is unique. With six municipalities, that’s six police chiefs’ support. We have multiple foundations raising money. Other school systems I’ve worked with were not surrounded by this much support from so many entities.

“Our educators are also second to none. The passion they come to work with every day, the diligence they use with students, is second to none.”

As Bishop prepares for his fourth year as deputy superintendent, he reflects, “I was honored to receive these awards, but it’s work we do as a community, not done solely by me. It’s a combination of a lot of time and effort by many people.”

He will continue building relationships, striving to ensure that students are safe physically, socially, mentally and emotionally.

“I hope the district continues to be a beacon of hope for our students and community. That we can focus on our rich traditions and also create new ones.”

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# Meet Aiden



Name: **Aiden Drain**

Age: **5**

City: **Grosse Pointe Woods**

Parents: **Robbie Sr. and Andrea Drain**

Siblings: **Robbie, Jacob and Aria**

School: **Assumption Nursery School, but soon to be Monteith**

## Favorites

Sport or Game:  
**Swim**

Food:  
**Salmon**

Family Activity:  
**Staying together at the hotel on vacation**

Vacation:  
**Florida**

Outdoor Activity:  
**Playing at the park**

Book:  
**"Llama Llama Mess Mess Mess"**

What do you want to be when you grow up?  
**A police officer**

Who is your hero and why?  
**My Paw Paw because I love him so much.**

What is your favorite thing about going to school?  
**Getting to play with all my friends.**

## About Aiden

I'm the middle child of four. I love being silly and I'm always making people laugh. I enjoy eating snacks, especially on Halloween because it's my favorite holiday. This year, I want to try a new sport to become more athletic like my older brother. I love gaming and I am a master at Roblox.

# Meet Jacob



Name:  
**Jacob Drain**

City:  
**Grosse Pointe Woods**

Birthdate:  
**October 14, 2021**

Parents:  
**Robbie Sr. and Andrea Drain**

Siblings:  
**Robbie, Aiden and Aria**

Cute Fact:  
**I'm a fast runner. I got so good from chasing my brothers.**

Favorite Toy:  
**Toy trucks**

First Word:  
**Dad**

## About Jacob

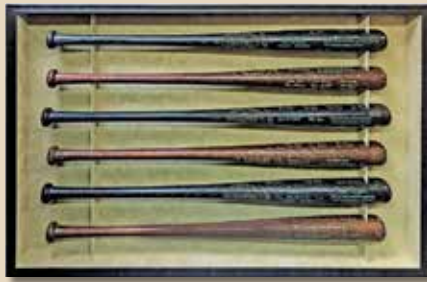
I recently got promoted to a big brother, and I'm doing a great job. My parents already have me being active. I take swim lessons and I can pass the basketball back and forth with my brothers. I've been told I'm a big burst of energy, probably because my favorite food is super fruits.

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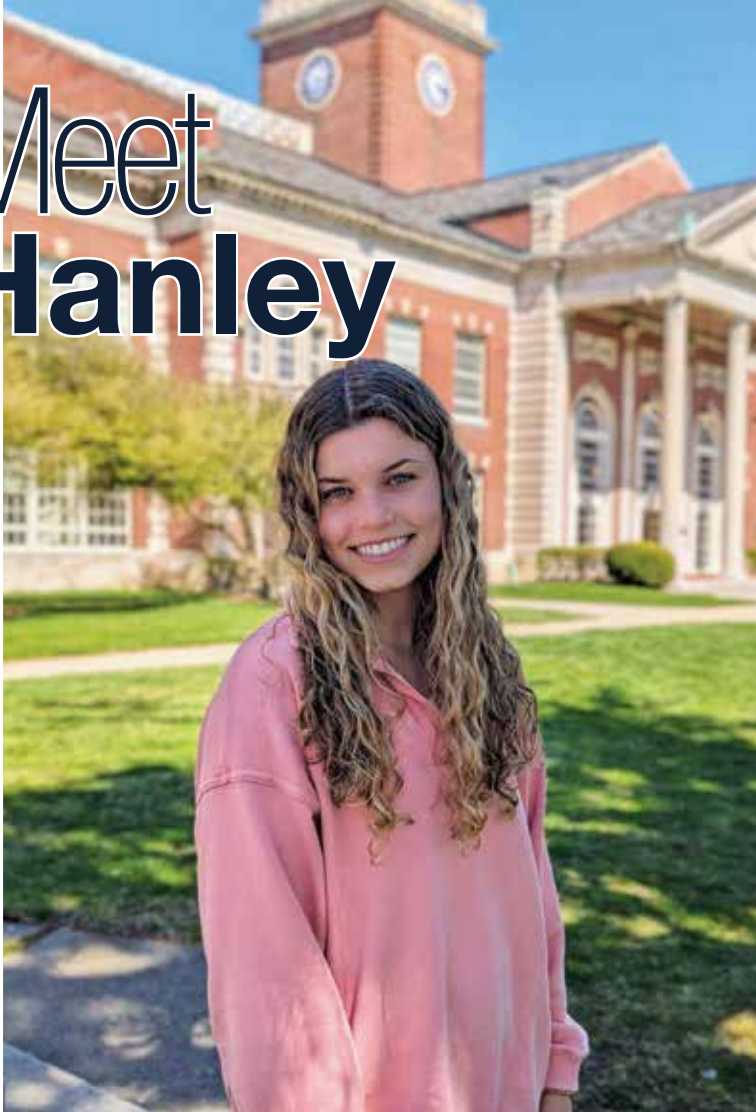
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# Meet Hanley



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**Name** Hanley DeSmyter

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**Age** 18

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**City** Grosse Pointe Farms

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**School** Grosse Pointe South

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**Parents** Brenda DeSmyter and  
Darren DeSmyter

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**Siblings** Monroe, 16

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## Hanley's Favorites

### School Subject

Physics

### Book

*Just Mercy*

### Movie

*Ferris Bueller's Day Off*

### Musical Artist

SZA

### Vacation

Cancun, Mexico for my senior spring break

### Extracurricular Activity

Working as a supervisor at Neff Park

### Outdoor Activity

Snowboarding

### Teacher

Todd Hecker

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

1. To have the Lions win a Super Bowl
2. End world hunger
3. Accessible educational opportunities for everyone

### What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I'm most proud of getting accepted into the University of Michigan's College of Engineering.

### What are your favorite qualities about yourself?

I'm hardworking, caring and responsible.

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

I'm very good at organizing and planning out everything I have to get done. I'd like to learn how to code!

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

Norway

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

I see myself beginning my first job in either Texas or California as an aerospace engineer.

## About Hanley

"A lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, I thrive on the simple things in life. I heavily value quality time with friends and family, whether it's trying a new coffee place, getting dinner or simply going on a drive. I find myself in constant appreciation of the amazing friends and memories I've made in this wonderful town I get the privilege of calling home."



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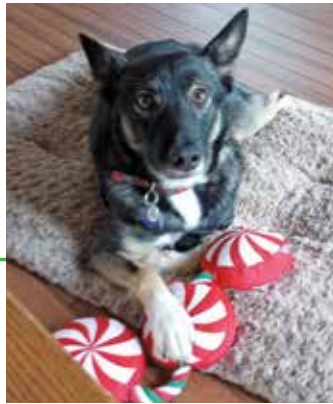
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## In Memory of Bailey

Bailey was loved by all and especially Tamra and Brian of Grosse Pointe Farms.



## Koa

Koa is loved by Tamra and Brian of Grosse Pointe Farms and works hard to keep their yard safe from squirrels.



## Ava

Ava, a three-year-old Brussels Griffon, is all smiles and kisses. She loves her Grosse Pointe Shores home and walks at Ford House.



## GPAAS - Dakota

Dakota, a one-year-old male shorthaired cat is looking for his forever home. Visit him at Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society today!



## Maxine

Sweet and affectionate Maxine ("Max") is loving her new life in Grosse Pointe Woods — especially playing with her dog neighbors.



## Cody

Cody enjoying the good life on the water in the Pointes. He also loves snuggles with his four humans.

# Warm weather safety for pets

By Dr. Stephanie Dexter

**W**arm weather is coming! As we spend more time outside with our pets, we need to think about their safety.

Certain plants can be harmful to our pet family members, so ensure the plant is not toxic to animals before expanding your garden. Also, grass awns can become lodged in the coat and skin of our pets and can cause wounds and infection.



Our pets should be on prevention medication to protect them from heartworm, fleas, ticks and intestinal parasites. This is especially important in the warm weather months but should be given year-round.

If the temperature is uncomfortable for us outside, it is also uncomfortable for our pets. Take pets for walks in the morning or evening when it is cooler. Use caution on cement and black top as they can burn your pets' paws. Cars, even with the windows open, heat up quickly and can be deadly for pets. Any pet can be affected by the heat but brachycephalic dogs, like bulldogs, Bostons and Frenchies, can become particularly stressed by heat. Signs of heat stress can be excessive panting, excessive drooling, anxiety/restlessness, abnormal color to gums/tongue, progressing to unsteadiness and collapse. If your pet is showing signs of heat stress it should be evaluated by a veterinarian immediately.

We enjoy being with our pets and involving them in all aspects of our lives year-round. Your veterinarian can guide you if you have questions regarding your pet and weather safety.

*Dr. Stephanie Dexter is a 2011 graduate of the University of Illinois. She joined Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in 2019.*

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As you explore this issue, take a moment to revel in the accomplishments of our students. Their successes are a beacon of what we can achieve together, and a reminder of the boundless potential that lies within our collaborative efforts.

Thank you for your dedication to not just learning, but growing together. Let's continue to nurture this incredible community, for it is together that we will forge a future filled with endless possibilities.

With heartfelt appreciation and passion for the Grosse Pointe Schools and Community,

Dr. Andrea Tuttle

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### Calendar Items:

- 5/21-5/24 Senior Exams
- 5/24 - Senior's Last Day
- 5/27 Memorial Day, No School
- 6/3 North Graduation
- 6/5 South Graduation
- 6/14 Last Day of School

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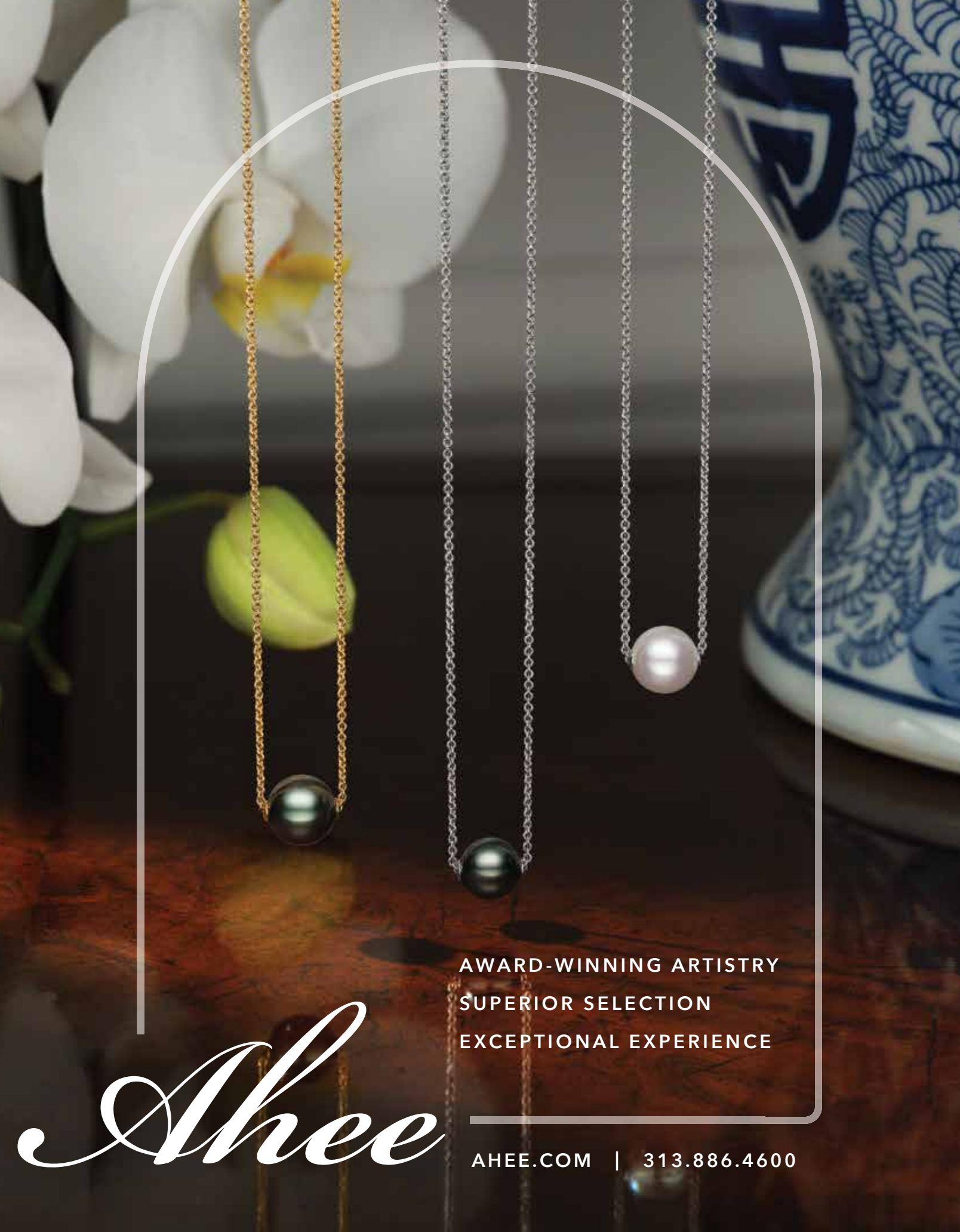
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