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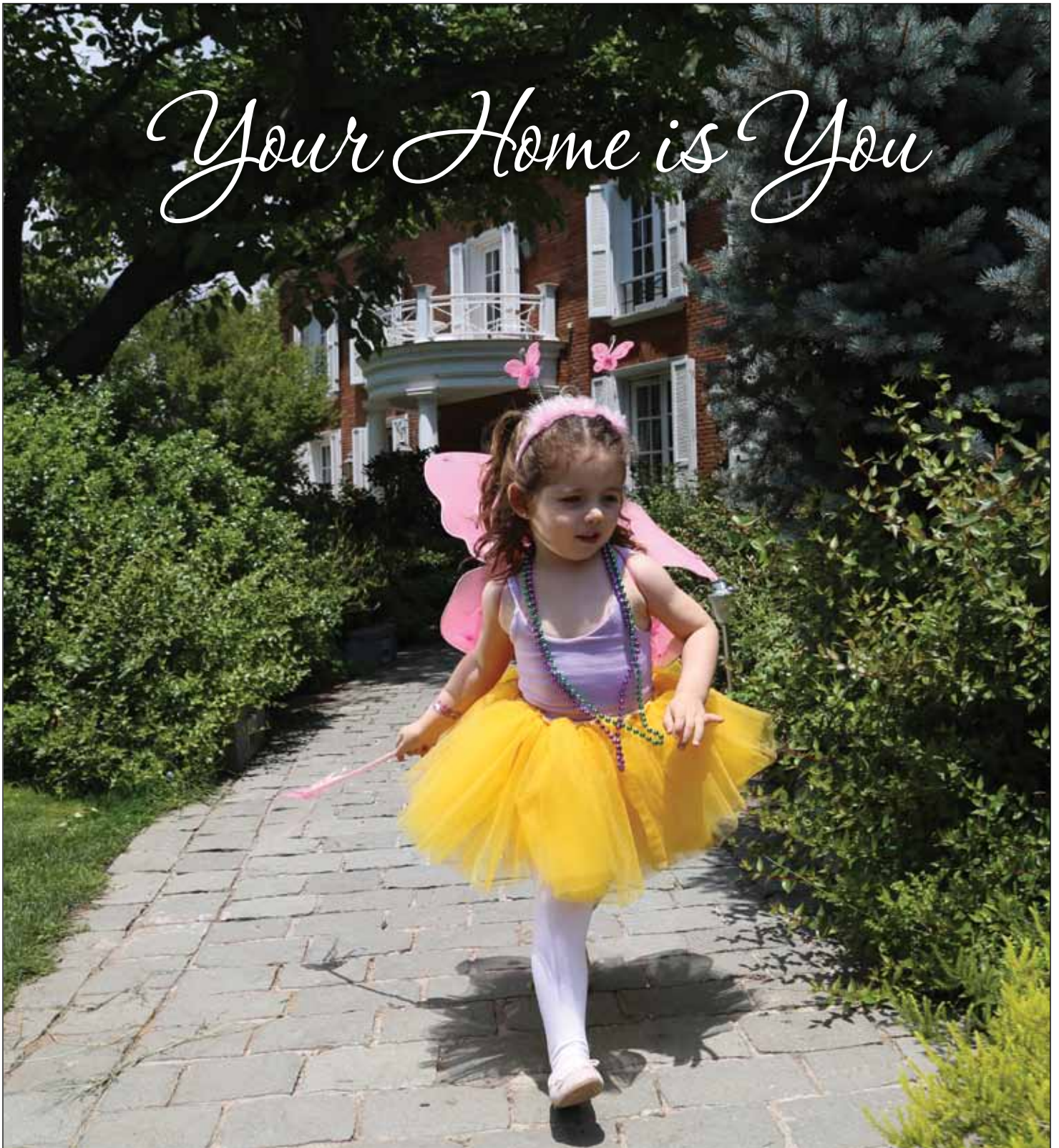
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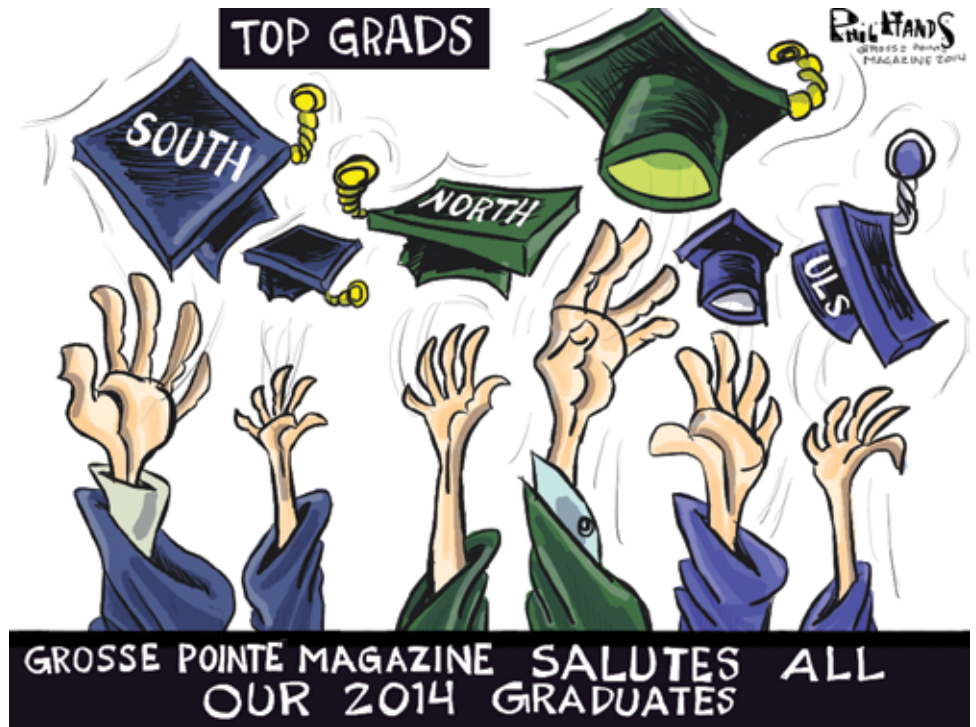
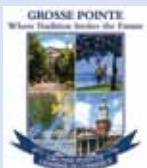
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Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this object? On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to respond with the most specific answer will win a family four-pack to the Michigan Science Center. Participants MUST wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck!

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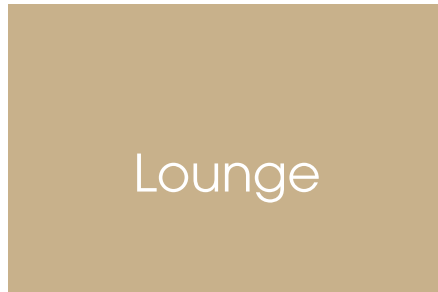
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Our ‘Top Grads’ are the best!

Welcome to our “Top Grads” issue of Pointe Magazine. Every year I never fail to be impressed with the quality of our young people. As a product of the “basket weaving” ’70s, I feel so unworthy! All our grads are Top Grads as far as I am concerned!

With Facebook, I guess birthdays aren’t a secret anymore. I turned 59 in April and am taking it pretty hard. The problem isn’t this birthday, per se, but the next one — the big “Six Oh” —

“

Of course, being at the finish line when the Stahls drive up after nine days and 2,100 miles on the road in their 1935 Auburn is a must-do ‘business trip’!

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yikes! But then again, as my 84-year-old mother-in-law who is in far better health than me would say, “Pshaw! That’s nothing!”

If you are fortunate enough to have your mother still with you, don’t forget her on her day. And if dad’s still around, don’t forget him, too! I’ll give Dad a call, as I do every holiday. He lives in Lewiston with my “step mom,” so we wish them both the best for Mother’s and Father’s Day.

Looking forward to a week off, playing golf and “doing Disney” in Orlando. We had to forego our usual Spring Training trip to Lakeland this year, so we are really ready to vacation!

More good news, the Great Race in which my good friends Mary and Ted Stahl of Grosse Pointe Woods participate in each year, culminates in The Villages in Florida on June 29. As regular readers know, next to Lakeland, The Villages is our favorite Florida destination. Of course, being at the finish line when the Stahls drive up after nine days and 2,100 miles on the road in their 1935 Auburn is a must-do “business trip”!

Speaking of business, I would like to congratulate Chick Taylor on the very tasteful addition to his eating

establishment, City Kitchen. When he opened the restaurant in 2006, it was believed he did all the woodwork himself. But when I asked if he did the woodwork in the new bar himself, he said he was a “hands-on participant,” but he has a “crew” that does most of the work. Just the same, it looks great, Chick!

I understand from Gretchen Meeuws at The Hill that owner Tony Soave is going to do a major renovation this summer. I can’t imagine what “major” work needs to be done at the popular restaurant, but I’m sure it will be, as we say in Grosse Pointe, lovely!

Of course, The Hill and City Kitchen are among our many wonderful business members of our community. And as I always remind our readers, be sure to patronize our many businesses and advertisers, because if you don’t, they may not be here next time you need them. And be sure to tell them Pointe Magazine sent you!

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Meet Liam

Name: **William Stewart Armitage**

Mom & Dad: **Joel & Amanda Armitage**

City: **Grosse Pointe Park**

Favorite toy or game: **Peek-a-boo**

Birthdate & time: **January 21, 2014 at 6:18 a.m.**

Cute fact: **Liam just learned to laugh**

Siblings: **Olivia, 2**

First words: **Cooing**

About Liam *in Mommy's words*

Liam spends much of his day taking the world in. He seems to be ever consumed by his crazy big sister and her antics. Fortunately, he doesn't flinch with her sudden movements, loud screeches and high ambitions to help assist in changing him and holding him. He's starting to learn to roll over and enjoys playing

on his activity mat, but not so much being on his belly for tummy time. He has a cute little "squeak" when he sleeps which makes everyone who hears it smile. He learned to laugh mid-April and now smiles and laughs all the time at his mommy, daddy and big sister.

Meet Olivia

Name: **Olivia Rose Armitage**

Age: **2** Parents: **Joel & Amanda Armitage**

City: **Grosse Pointe Park** Siblings: **Liam, 3 months**

Interests: **Learning music and singing at Music Together**

Favorites

Game: **Hide & seek** Food: **Mac & cheese** Book: **The Pigeon series by Mo Willems**

Vacation: **Lake Michigan** Family Activity: **Dance parties in the kitchen**

Outdoor Activity: **Being pulled in her Radio Flyer wagon by her Alaskan Malamute while on a family walk**

What do you want to be when you grow up? **A doctor - if you ask her for a check up she is running to grab her "doctor's kit"**



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About Olivia

Olivia had a rough start in life. After surviving neuroblastoma at only 5 months old her personality began to show: she is spunky, independent and extremely strong willed. Olivia is a chatty little girl who is very inquisitive and loves life, her family and friends. When she's not hopping, singing, dancing, pretend cooking or helping to care for her baby brother, Olivia can probably be found coloring, painting and crafting.

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Meet Sami



Name	Sami McIntyre
Age	16
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
School	Grosse Pointe North
Parents	Reg & Diane McIntyre

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About Sami:

Sami is a junior at Grosse Pointe North. She's been dancing at the Turning Pointe since she was 4 years old.

"I love to cook, I am easy going and I love spending time with my family and friends."

Her hobbies include dancing, swimming and cooking and she has one sister, Lindsay, 19.

What song on your iPod would people be surprised by?

"Boulevard of Broken Dreams" by Green Day

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

I am on level 355 on Candy Crush and I would love to learn snowboarding.

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

1. To be rich
2. To own a yacht
3. To own a cat or dog

Where do you see yourself in five years?

In college

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

I didn't know what I wanted to be when I was younger. I want to do something that I can do with math and science. I have not figured out what field I want to pursue.

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South seniors showcased in annual concert

By Amy Andreou Miller

Grosse Pointe South Band and Orchestra is performing its annual Spring Concert and Senior Showcase Wednesday, May 14 — an event that promises to be big, bold, sublime, and simply not something to miss!

“Grosse Pointe South Band and Orchestra’s Spring Concert and Senior Showcase is a treat for the whole community, not just for those with youth performing in the event,” says GPS Orchestra Director, James Gross.

“A great deal of talent will be on display from all five of our curricular ensembles; there will truly be something for everyone,” says Gross, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, adding that in addition to solo concertos, other pieces that ensembles will perform include Composer John William’s “Patriot,” the last movement of Sibelius Symphony No. 2, and “Celtic Roots,” a lively fiddle folk tune.

General admission tickets are \$15 for adults; \$5 for students and kids. Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the

Village, or at the door of Brownell Middle School’s performance auditorium, 260 Chalfonte Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. The concert starts at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The fact that the concert showcases several seniors, some of whom plan to continue their music studies in college or conservatory next year, is significant. The vetting of soloists for the concert line-up was a difficult process; students played pieces in late March for adjudicators Nate and Christine Judson, retired and well-respected Grosse Pointe area music teachers.

Practice and rehearsals ramped up even more since early April because after one pianist and four string instrumentalists were chosen, the rest of the approximately 50 symphony orchestra members had just six weeks to learn all the accompanying parts for each concerto, Gross says. Among band members, another three brass and woodwind musicians were selected, and extra rehearsals commenced for them and their fellow musicians, under the direction of South Band Director Chris Takis and

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Katy Steklac.

The senior student soloists are: Hannah Adams, violin, playing Bruch’s Violin Concerto in G Minor; Spencer Korejwo, viola, Bruch’s Romance for Viola; Jeannine Degan, cello, Hayden’s Cello Concerto in C; Tristan Russano, acoustic guitar, playing composer Stanley Myer’s “Cavatina” from the movie *Deer Hunter*; Kimberly Barbour, piano, Bach’s Piano Concerto #7 in G Minor; Claire Huebner, flute, Chaminade’s Concertino for Flute, Op. 107; Shane Jackowski, alto saxophone, Reed’s Ballade for Alto Saxophone; and Brian Sutherland, trumpet, Rondo from Hummel’s Trumpet Concerto.

Even the concert program annually provides students the opportunity to shine. Senior C.C. Brieden had her artwork selected for the cover from a contest that Band and Orchestra Booster Charles Krasner hosts each year as part of compiling the event’s program. The Farms resident with a graphic art background, works with art teachers, Kit Aro and Micki Buksar-Cecil, to encourage the kids to create and submit their work.


“The kids and the teachers have so much talent and artistic passion; I’m happy to be supportive of it,” Krasner says. 



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Jennifer's daughter, Caroline Gallagher batting at the evaluations that took place at Grosse Pointe South. Caroline, 10, is a pitcher for the majors team, the Tigers, which Jennifer coaches. Photos by Lauren McGregor



GIRLS SOFTBALL COMEBACK

Grosse Pointe Girls Little League team returns after 23 years

By Lauren McGregor

After 23 years, the girls are back in town!

Thanks to Jennifer Gallagher and Rich Jones' initial idea to organize softball Little League in the Pointes, Grosse Pointe girls, ages 6 to 16, can now play for the community they live in. Before 2014, softball players in Grosse Pointe had to join the Harper Woods Little League. Now it will be named the Harper Woods/Grosse Pointe Little League.

"It started with a survey online," Gallagher, of Grosse Pointe Farms, says. "The response was overwhelming. I anticipated 20 to 30 responses and got about 120. That tells you a lot about the pride and spirit of people who live in this community."

Next, she says, Ron DeCoopman, District 6 Administrator, was instrumental in making the dream a reality.

"We had a small recreation program in Harper Woods that could draw (players) from the Pointes, but it was city run, and on a budget and not really being advertised," says DeCoopman.

Front row from left, Emma Jacob, Evie Klepp, Elizabeth Kempa, Katherine Nottmeier, second row from left, Ashlyn Senter, Ava Jacobs and Cassidy Cutter, back row, Jennifer Gallagher and Ron DeCoopman

"I used Jennifer's data to convince the Harper Woods Recreation director, John Bobak, that we could increase our numbers, follow the rules of Little League and improve our program (under the Harper Woods Charter)."

Next, DeCoopman went to the boards of directors from all Grosse Pointe Little Leagues. They voted to open registration to include softball and agreed to give field time to the new teams. "Most importantly, each league established a Softball Coordinator to the district," DeCoopman says. "We formed a combined board of directors, one representative from each league and Harper Woods, along with (John) Bobak serving as president and myself."

"The girls having access to all Grosse Pointe fields is something we have fought for for years," Gallagher says. Evaluations, that once only took place in Harper Woods, also took place at Grosse Pointe South this year.

"We are upping the quality of the program," Gallagher says. "From South coaching the teams' pitching to clinics to new uniforms." She notes Bill Fleming, Grosse Pointe South softball head coach, led all the clinics, evaluations and programs.


Girls are divided into four levels, instructional, minors, majors and

seniors, based on age. Gallagher coaches majors team, the Tigers.

"To see the girls playing on their home fields," Gallagher says will be one of the most rewarding parts of the first season. "Baseball is a hometown thing. These girls can now play where their brothers play, where their parents played."

DeCoopman says of adding softball to Grosse Pointe Little League, "This is the first step in realizing a personal dream to make Little League available to every child and to bring our softball girls the opportunity to enjoy the game I love and have the same fun and success that we have had for over 50 years in baseball."

DeCoopman adds, "I am very grateful to Dick Borland, Marty McMillan and Mark Davey, the Presidents of the Grosse Pointe Leagues as well as Harper Woods Recreation Director John Bobak and our board, Rich Jones, Joe Boley, Chris Cornwell and Tom Workun and especially Jennifer (Gallagher), who has now joined the board as our first softball volunteer."

Look for the girls at the Grosse Pointe North versus Grosse Pointe South Girls Varsity Softball double header, May 28 at 4 p.m. at South, where they will be announced in uniform. 

It takes both: cardio, strength!

By Ken Welch

Strength training will help you be smarter and sharper. That's it in a nut shell. I wanted to give you all kinds of examples of why this is so, but when I started to look up the studies and research behind this statement, it was much more than I could ever put into this article.



Exercise is important, although 80 percent of the country still falls short of meeting the exercise requirement of 3-4 times per week for 30 minutes. That said, most people that are going to exercise know how to walk or run without any real instruction. It requires so little cognitive strength that most people today use music and earphones to keep motivated and ward off boredom.

Strength training, on the other hand, is much different and requires learning, refining and constant practice. That constant challenge to your brain, learning and concentrating on what lifts to do, how to do them, in what order, etc., is the equivalent to all the brain teaser exercises you see being promoted in order to keep us mentally sharp.

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FIRST-YEAR LOCHMOOR CADDY EARNS CAPTAIN RANK

By Susan Bollinger

In his first summer as a caddy at Lochmoor Club, 16-year-old Chris Bahr started as a rookie learning the ropes. But he caddied so often in 2013 and received so many positive recommendations from members, he rose from rookie, to intermediate, to captain his first summer, a feat not typically accomplished the first year out. The top level – honors caddy – is well within reach in 2014.

Bahr explains, “Caddying is based on a point system, and the more times you go out, the more points you get. We’re evaluated by every member and promoted based on points and

recommendations.”

His rise in the ranks was accomplished through lugging golf clubs and providing accurate advice upon request. Bahr caddied as often as he could and developed his skills, including his ability to read the greens.

“It’s about predicting the path of the ball on the green and advising your golfer where to aim for the best chance of making the putt,” he says. Bahr also pays attention to details like the wind and its effect on the flight of the ball.

“When members recognize your knowledge, they put more trust in you to help them make decisions on their

shots,” says Bahr.

There are also times when Bahr knows to step back. “Some members don’t ask for advice, they are so experienced.”

Bahr is athletic in his own right, playing Varsity soccer and basketball for Grosse Pointe North High School and golfing in his free time. With a 4.20 grade point average and affable demeanor, Bahr seems destined for the honors caddy title and much more as his life unfolds.

“A golfer could end up being my boss one day, or part of my career path,” he says. “You just never know who you’ll meet caddying.” ☐

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By John Minnis

Nicholas Wu is too modest to say this, but he just may be the first Asian American president of the United States. While most people believe anyone has a shot of being president, Wu, a 2014 honors graduate candidate at University Liggett School, is preparing himself for just such a possibility.

A National Merit Scholar Finalist carrying a 4.13 grade point average, Wu plans to study public policy at Princeton in the fall. After college, he would like to work at a think tank, such as the Brookings Institution or the Council on Foreign Relations.

“I would like to create policy that will help disadvantaged people in our community,” he says. “Our system lets a lot of people fall through the cracks.” Putting his actions where his heart is, he volunteered at FocusHOPE last summer, tutoring adults and teens for their GED. “It’s far, far more

Top right, Nicholas Wu, grandfather, Dr. Clyde Wu, and father, Dr. David Wu at Orchestra Hall; far right, Nicholas Wu playing the clarinet in the Civic Orchestra; right, Nicholas Wu playing the piano as a child

difficult for these people to get employment or back into school. So I would like to help people in their situations.”

The son of Drs. David and Bernadine Wu of Grosse Pointe Shores, young Wu’s world is far removed from the one he tutored for last summer. Wu spent his entire school life at ULS, beginning in preschool. He was a member of the Quiz Bowl, played JV soccer and served as treasurer of the Student Commission. “I’ve very much enjoyed myself there,” Wu says of ULS. “The strongest assets of Liggett are the teachers.”

Wu is something of a Renaissance student.

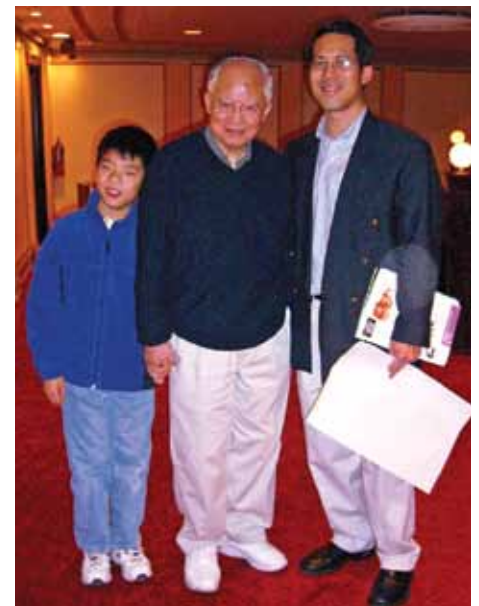
While his career goal is in government policy, he nevertheless found time and interest to serve on the Robotics Team all four years in the Liggett Upper School.

His eclectic interests also include music, which he most likely gets from his grandparents, Dr. Clyde and Helen Wu, staunch supporters of Detroit Symphony Orchestra and its Youth Orchestra. The grandson began playing the clarinet at age 4 and plays every Saturday at Orchestra Hall in the Civic Orchestra, the top-level ensemble of the DSO Youth Orchestra. “I love music,” Wu says, “but it is not something I want to study. But I will probably keep up with it in college.”

Wu’s top interest, public policy, may

have developed through being part of the ULS debate team, which he and a few friends resurrected as freshmen at Liggett and of which they were part of every year. In a recent legislative debate national competition, Wu was elected to serve as Speaker of the House. His team came in among the top 10. “It’s been immensely helpful to me,” Wu says of his debate experience. “It makes me more confident in addressing people in general.”

Wu’s interest in politics includes working on the Obama 2012 campaign and interning for U.S. Rep. Sander Levin last summer. “That gave me experience in how politics work firsthand,” he says. When asked if he would consider going into politics, Wu answers, “Someday, maybe. I feel there’s a dearth of Asian Americans in politics, and I feel that should change.”



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Grosse Pointe North

Carter Bock, a 4.0 student from Grosse Pointe North, scored a noteworthy 33 on the ACT exam.

These exemplary numbers got him accepted at numerous colleges, including University of Michigan College of Engineering, Michigan State University Honors College, Miami University, Kalamazoo College, Savannah College of Art and Design and Albion College. While he received several scholarships from these schools, what was Bock's final choice? University of Michigan College of Engineering.

His impressive test scores and GPA, combined with unparalleled school involvement are to credit with the wide array of schools hoping to enroll Bock.

He was a member of the National Honor Society, Grosse Pointe North Student Association, Grosse Pointe North Class of 2014 Student Council Senator, President of Brotherhood, Interact Club and member of Grosse Pointe North's television production team, the "Norsemen News."

His school involvement was not confined to the classroom. Bock was also a varsity soccer player and North's varsity golf captain. He played hockey for the St. Clair Shores Hockey Association and basketball with the Neighborhood Club.

Even with his packed schedule of classes, clubs and sports, Bock found time to work as a USA Hockey Referee, caddy at the Country Club of Detroit, and volunteer extensively, including with Adopt-A-Family, TOPS Soccer and preparing lunches for the homeless.

"I was also the lone student volunteer to work the new video board at Grosse Pointe North sporting events this year."

When asked what part of his high school career he was most proud of, Bock says his junior year. "Not only did I step it up academically, but I also became a more prominent figure in the school by stepping up to various leadership roles and expanding my activities to things that were previously outside my comfort zone."

He explains the benefit of attending a Grosse Pointe school. "Every day I would arrive to a school full of teachers that were willing and excited to convey new knowledge to the students while the students themselves were ready and willing to learn. Essentially, it made learning less strenuous and often enjoyable."



**CARTER
BOCK**

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Maria Liddane knows exactly where she will be going after high school. The 4.13 student received a full basketball scholarship to American University in Washington D.C., where she will continue practicing her passion for the sport.

Liddane's basketball scholarship is reflective of her outstanding athletic ability, including the biggest hurdle she had to overcome during high school. "Four games into my senior season, I tore my ACL which required reconstructive surgery. I gained a greater appreciation for good health and the opportunities basketball has given me."

Liddane was a three-year captain of North's varsity basketball team, varsity tennis player, varsity volleyball player, Freshman Assist mentor, three-year editor-in-chief of North Pointe student newspaper, Student Association Secretary, Student Council Senator, National Honor Society member and S.A.D.D. member.

Her incredible involvement is apparent in her numerous awards, including 2014 Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Youth Achievement Award, *Detroit Free Press* Top 50 Players in Michigan, All-State Basketball honorable mention, Academic All-State in basketball, National Scholarship Press Association Pacemaker Finalist and Florence Miller Book Award.

What part of her high school career is she most proud of? "My investment in others. Once I recognized that my involvement in others' growth and success correlated with mine, I felt I was truly growing."

She knows quite a bit about investing in others. "My mom is founder and president of Special Kids, a 501c3 charity that serves kids with special needs in our area. Since I was six years old, volunteering for Special Kids has been an integral part of my life."

She says along with family members, like her mom, and head basketball coach Gary Bennett, her greatest inspirations are North teachers, "Mr. Geoffrey Harris Young, Mr. Jonathan Byrne, Mrs. Devin Cox and Mrs. Brigitte Cooley. They teach Freshman Assist," she says. "These teachers dedicate an immeasurable amount of energy to these freshmen and mentors. Their level of persistence and commitment inspires me every day."



**MARIA
LIDDANE**

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Grosse Pointe South

Daniel Harris, a 4.37 student, who scored an astounding 34 on the ACT exam, will attend University of Michigan and partake in its Honors Program. He plans to major in biochemistry or cellular and molecular biology and pursue a career in the medical field.

His awards and scholarships include, but are far from limited to, the Lakeshore Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Award, the University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship, the Junior League of Detroit Centennial Celebration Scholarship, the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Committee Top Scholar Award and WXYZ-TV's Brightest and Best Award.

His accomplishments are undoubtedly due to not only exemplary grades, but his incredible involvement at South. Harris played viola in the South Concert, Symphony, and Chamber Orchestras and was inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society. He participated in the DECA competitive business organization, through which he attended the International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, Calif. A member of South's Pointe Players group, he also participated in 'One Acts.'

Harris has served as Student Association President, Treasurer, and Student Association Senator. He is most proud of his accomplishments as President. "During this year's Homecoming festivities, we faced many challenges ... poor behavior by a few students resulted in our senior class being disqualified from the Spirit Jug competition," he says. "I am very proud of how the Student Association Executive Board, Class of 2014 Officers, and I worked with our principal to develop a solution ... and provide a feeling of unity in our school again." Through Student Association, Harris also helped kick-start an Adopt-a-Family campaign.

Through his involvement with St. Clare Montefalco Youth Group, Harris visited Ecuador on a mission trip and cultural exchange program. "It was one of my favorite experiences," he says.

Harris even maintains two jobs while balancing his academics and extracurricular activities. He tutors math and works at Wild Birds Unlimited.

When asked who inspires him most, Harris says, "Every day, I am inspired by the actions of my parents. They have taught me to be myself, to strive for success while still having fun and to get involved in many different activities."

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**DANIEL
HARRIS**

Emily Richner, an outstanding 4.04 student with an ACT score of 30, will attend University of Michigan this fall.

"I plan to pursue an MBA at University of Michigan ... and a career in strategic communications and business management or public relations," she says.

As a senator in South's Student Association for three years and Vice President of the Student Association this year, Richner is already preparing for a career in public relations. "I am also a member of National Honor Society and French National Honor Society, as well as the Interact Club at South," she says. "I have been on the South Diving team for four years and was a co-captain this year."

She was Homecoming Queen, Coach's Choice Award for Varsity Diving, All American Academic Award recipient, AP Scholar with Distinction and a published author in South's Looking Glass literary magazine.

Aside from these academic pursuits, Richner has participated in many community service projects through Grosse Pointe South Interact, such as Gleaner's Food Bank, World Medical Relief Center and Goodfellow toy sorting. "I also went on two mission trips through Grosse Pointe Memorial Church," she says. The first was to Puerto Rico to restore homes and the second was to Joplin, Missouri to aid in tornado recovery assistance. Her high school experience seems to be most marked and remembered by good deeds.

"I am most proud of the time I've spent in South's Peer-to-Peer program. I eat lunch with ASD students two times per week and I help tutor and mentor a student every Friday during my study period," she says. "I have loved working with all of the kids and befriending them has definitely helped me see things from a different perspective."

In fact, Richner's greatest inspiration comes from an individual with a perspective of hardship she can only empathize with. "Daniel Foy, my friend and classmate who underwent heart transplant surgery ... is by far one of the strongest and most courageous people I know," she says. "His determination and faith in overcoming all of the obstacles before, during, and after his surgery have inspired me immeasurably."

Photo by Dana Kaiser Photography



**EMILY
RICHNER**

University Liggett School

Ania Dow, a 3.9 University Liggett student, was accepted into University of Michigan and The College of William and Mary. She will attend University of Michigan in the fall.

Dow received the Jim Devellano Scholarship, awarded to one male and one female high school hockey player who participates in community service. With it, she will study English or Journalism. She is also a member of the Cum Laude Society.

The community service she participated in to qualify for the scholarship was an annual mission trip with her church. “We traveled to Jamaica and stayed at the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf,” she says.

Dow has also participated in varsity field hockey, varsity ice hockey and varsity soccer. “I am also the editor of ‘The Scrivener,’ our online school newspaper,” she says. “And I am this year’s co-president of our athletic council.”

And co-president of the athletic council she deserves to be. Dow has received the awards MVP Varsity Field Hockey, All-State Second Team for Division II, MVP Varsity Ice Hockey and All-State Honorable Mention. She was captain of Liggett’s varsity field hockey team and varsity soccer team her senior year and captain of Liggett’s varsity ice hockey her junior and senior years.

“My greatest inspiration is my mom, Dr. Agata Dow,” she says. “She came from Poland to America for the first time in December of 1991, knowing minimal English ... At the age of 36, my mom decided to pursue a career in medicine. She tirelessly worked her way through medical school, learning everything in her second language, worked at St. John Hospital as one of the oldest residents and is now an M.D. working in the Emergency Room.”

The amazing spirit Dow admires in her mother is what brought her to her greatest achievement, winning the Division I Girl’s Hockey State Championship after being labeled the “underdog.” In the third period, Cranbrook led 3-1.

“Stepping up in that game was mentally and physically one of the hardest things I’ve ever had to do, but I had fought all season for my team, and this game was no exception,” she says. “We sent the game into overtime, left everything we had on the ice, and became State Champions because, as we’d said before, ‘No one wins a state championship in our house except us.’”



ANIA
DOW

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Henry Duhaime, a 4.05 University Liggett student, boasts a unique and impressive high school career. After scoring an incredible 35 on the ACT exam, Duhaime was accepted into University of Michigan, where he will study Computer Science in order to pursue a career in Video Game Design.

Duhaime notes that the biggest benefit of attending school in Grosse Pointe is “the link that it’s allowed me to create with the city of Detroit. A lot of school service projects and field trips have involved exposing students to the city, and I think that’s important for both our futures and Detroit’s. It creates students who have a genuine interest in ameliorating their community.”

His high school career has been a varied one, from junior varsity tennis and baseball to all Liggett musicals and plays produced since his sophomore year.

He’s been awarded the Terrill Newnan award in 2011 and 2012, Cum Laude in 2013 and Michigan Thespians “Superior” Rating in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

His creativity, however, stands out most. Duhaime founded Liggett’s Improvisation Club, The Knight Shift, and completed two summer internships at Universal McCann.

“Founding the improvisation club was a great feat. Though I was under the supervision of Dr. Moss, the theatre troupe director, most of the work in organizing the group was my responsibility,” he says. “Having spent two weeks at Chicago’s The Second City participating in workshops, I’ve been able to tailor to the specific needs of our group and create sets of games that showcase our skills. It’s my largest footprint on this school, and I hope that it’s continued in future years.”

Duhaime’s proudest moment was his last performance on stage. “It was the musical *Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up*, and our closing night marked my best performance of my high school career,” he says. “It’s been a privilege working with the Liggett Players over the years. I wish them the best in the future.”

Lastly, he offers advice to incoming high school students. “Explore your interests outside of school. If you discover something that you’re passionate about, don’t just do it on the side. Set out to become the best and don’t let anything get in your way.”



HENRY
DUHAIME

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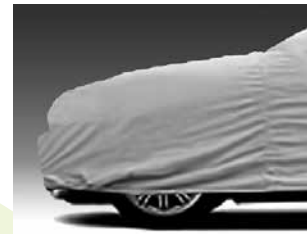
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Suntastic Swim School LLC

Grosse Pointers found Southeast Michigan traveling swim school

By Lauren McGregor



Suzette Kapla

Photos by Keith Burgess

Scott and Suzette Kapla of Grosse Pointe City decided to fill a unique hole in the Grosse Pointe community by starting Suntastic Swim School LLC, a traveling swim school.

“Traveling swim schools are in other states,” Scott says. “We’re bringing it here to southeast Michigan.”

Suzette, a teacher at Chippewa Valley High School, resigned as head swim coach at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club to start Suntastic Swim School LLC and spend more time with family. “I wanted to continue to do what I love, to teach, but to own my own business as well,” she says.

Aside from the GPYC, Suzette’s coaching history spans from coaching high school and USA swimming to other MICSA (Michigan Inter-Club Swimming Association) teams, such as the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Detroit Golf Club and the Detroit Boat Club. She also coached her children, Sophia, 9, and Stanton, 6, when they were new swimmers. Today, they competitively swim for Pointe Aquatics and Lochmoor Club.

“There’s this niche of people with pools, who take their children to brick and mortar swim schools outside of Grosse Pointe,” Scott says. “We offer them the convenience of traveling to their home and teaching there.”

Suzette and her team of instructors offer infant to adult swim, competitive training and recreational fun. All instructors have a minimum of two years experience with children and an American Red Cross certification in Lifeguard Training, First Aid, CPR, AED and Water Safety Instruction. Suntastic Swim School LLC is a member of the U.S. Swim School Association.

“We’re surrounded by water. Our lakes can be very dangerous,” Suzette says. Scott adds, “Everyone should know the basics for safety in case anything happens. It’s an important life skill.”

While its main focus is on traveling to clients’ pools and offering personalized curriculums, Suntastic Swim School LLC doesn’t exclude those without a pool.

“We still want to service people who don’t own a pool,” Suzette says. To do this, Suntastic rents the Lakeview High School pool, in St. Clair Shores, where Scott is an assistant principal.

Just as it is flexible in its location, Suntastic Swim School LLC is flexible

in its age, ability and class size range as well. “It’s never too late to learn. We believe everyone can swim. We also teach individuals with special abilities.” In fact, they’ve worked with children from Kids on the Go.

Suntastic Swim School LLC also offers lifeguard services for pool parties of any kind.

“We make the learning experience fun,” Suzette says. The end of each lesson is a sure sign of that. Children huddle around Coach Suzette, as they call her, place their hands in the center of the circle and count down to a chorus of “That was Suntastic!”

“The biggest reward is seeing the confidence, comfort and smile on my swimmers’ faces,” Suzette says.

Suntastic Swim School LLC also offers swimmers the chance to join a recreational swim team. Inquire about the fall/winter recreational swim team and swim lessons at (904) 800-SWIM (7946). Find them online at suntasticswimschool.com, on Facebook at facebook.com/suntasticswimschool and on Twitter at twitter.com/swimsuntastic. 



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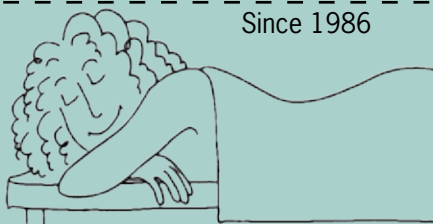
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By Virginia Ficarra

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1. Bring a splash of summer fun into your dining area with a colorful fabric on a pair of host chairs. You can drape them with a slipcover or just reupholster the seats yourself. Top the table with a coordinating runner and centerpiece of greens filled with fragrant bunches of basil and parsley.

2. Kitchen centerpieces are an easy update. Any clear glass container can be filled with fresh lemons, limes or oranges to make a delectable splash. Want to use a combination of tall outdoor twigs or flowers instead of fruit? To keep them stable in a wide mouth or tall container, create a grid of clear tape across the top of the rim before you put them in place.

3. Rearrange your furniture. Draw back the drapes and turn your focus to the outdoor landscape. Toss different

shaped colorful throw pillows on the sofa for comfort and color variety.

4. Create an instant bathroom

spa. Hang a light filmy fabric over the shower doors or tub. Add some fresh fragrant soaps, fluffy white bath towels and a plant that loves humidity.

5. A hand painted or stencil garden of flowers around a corner tub is the most impressive and luxurious way to bring warmth into a bathroom. To avoid water damage, use high gloss enamels to faux paint your flowers.

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Project Bloom

By Susan Budrys

*T*raci Lyon, a Grosse Pointe City resident, brought Project Bloom to life in 2011. The original concept, still followed today, was to involve residents in a program to plant flowers in the Village and Neff Park. Project Bloom operates in Grosse Pointe City as a branch of the City of Grosse Pointe Beautification Commission.

Last year, 43 sponsors participated in planting 43 beds in the Village and 10 beds in Neff Park. Flowers used included petunias, begonias, geraniums and ageratum in pink, purple, white and red.

Citizens and businesses have an opportunity to sponsor flower beds in the Village and the Park. For a financial donation a specific bed is planted with flowers. A sign recognizing the donor, or who the donor wants to honor, is placed in the bed.

The plant materials are purchased in mid-May and the team of Project Bloom volunteers and members of

Grosse Pointe Rotary begin to prepare the beds and plant the flowers. The planting process takes days and involves 10 to 20 volunteer workers.

Once the plants are in the ground, the volunteers monitor the plants and weed and deadhead as required. Some of the beds require hand watering during dry spells, which is provided by the volunteers.

In the fall, before the first frost, the Project Bloom team goes into action, removing all annual plants and preparing the beds for winter. Before the ground freezes, the team places greens and Christmas decorations in the Village pots.

This year, Project Bloom received a \$1,000 grant from the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. The grant will be used to purchase and plant 33 Floribunda rose bushes and four five-foot arborvitae bushes in the Village.



Project Bloom welcomes volunteers. Call Susan Hartz at (313) 886-8982 or Susan Budrys at (313) 882-9816 to sign up as a volunteer or to sponsor a flower bed. [P](#)

Susan Budrys, Susan Hartz and Diane Strickler



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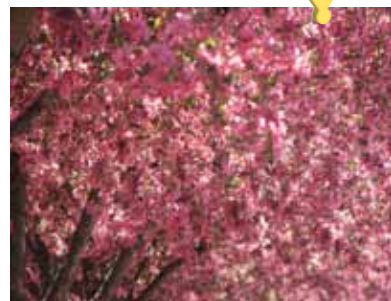


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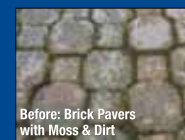
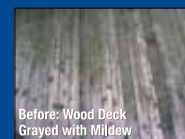


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The 27th annual jazz concert series Music on the Plaza, presented by St. John Hospital & Medical Center is once again slated for Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., June 5- July 31, at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in the Village.

Produced by Grosse Pointe Village Downtown Development Authority, there is no charge to attend and the public is encouraged to enjoy the music and shopping before and after the concerts.

The 2014 lineup:

June 5: Grosse Pointe North and South Jazz Bands. All-student jazz ensembles from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South High Schools

June 12: The Paul Carey Organ Trio Featuring Vocalist Benny Reeve Swingin' Blues, Funky Grooves, and Soulful Serenading

June 19: The Too Hot Trio Alvin Waddles, Marion Hayden and Dave Taylor



The Too Hot Trio featuring Alvin Waddles, Marion Hayden and Dave Taylor. Photo courtesy of Melissa Bunker

June 26: The Sun Messengers, Grosse Pointe's favorite party band returns for their annual Music on the Plaza appearance.

July 3: The Jimmy Smith Quartet playing the American Songbook and Jazz Standards

July 10: Scott Gwinnell and Jazz Workshop All-Stars

July 17: The Lynn LaPlante Seven Detroit's premier Latin Jazz group, specializing in energetic jazz in the

Latin style, salsa and cha cha.

July 31: Rhythm Society Orchestra Authentic big band swing from the '30s and '40s with an ample helping of Sinatra and friends

July 24: No Concert. The Village Sidewalk Sale takes place July 25-26.

For more information on the Music on the Plaza series or on Village events, go to www.thevillagegp.com and sign up for the Village's monthly newsletter.



New Neff Park playscape to be unveiled

The City of Grosse Pointe Foundation will unveil its latest project, the new playscape at Neff Park, on Sunday, May 18. Following the ribbon cutting and dedication at 3 p.m., the "Family BBQ" continues until 6 p.m. with fun and games and food and beverages for children and adults alike. The Playscape Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Family BBQ is free for all residents of the City of Grosse Pointe. For more information on the Foundation, go to www.cityofgpfoundation.org.

Is more free time possible?

By Anna Bartolotta

Years ago I could actually classify myself as a control freak; I could do everything successfully by myself. As the years pass and my family grows, I have come to realize that trust in others is vital to my sanity and the sanity of others around me. My homegrown company, Grosse Pointe Apartments, has grown too, and since 2006, I have come up with ways of delegating duties. Asking and trusting of others was initially hard on me, because, as I mentioned, I was a control freak.



I now know a company cannot run without trusted teammates. My team is instrumental in getting “things” done without the need for me to micromanage everything and everyone around me. So teammates to me equal free time, and free time equals sanity, and, in turn, sanity equals happiness. Isn't happiness always so desperately sought after? To me it is.

Equally as important as a team is being a good teammate. I am part of a team at home, playing local competitive sports and in my office with my Grosse Pointe property owners. Who makes up your team? Who allows you to have more free time and, in turn, more happiness?

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Assumption is offering exciting two summer camp sessions, for youth ages 7 – 12 and children ages 1-6, to be held June 16 – Aug. 21. The theme of the summer program is "Explore Your World!" Parents may elect to enroll for the entire summer or to enroll for one of the five-week sessions. Session 1 will run from June 16 - July 18. Session 2 will run from July 21- Aug. 21.

YOUTH 7-12, WILL ENGAGE IN MULTIPLE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES THAT WILL INCREASE AWARENESS OF PHYSICAL AND CREATIVE SELF-EXPRESSION.

Session 1 activities include an exciting theatre arts programming. Children will learn how to write a 30 second commercial, create a Story Board for it, set up lights and sound and then act in that commercial. This course will be taught by Harry Burkey of Grosse Pointe Woods. Harry Burkey, a graduate of Wayne State, is currently the acting coach/instructor for Grosse Pointe Theatre and has acted in numerous theatrical productions, commercials and industrial films. Midtown's Sugar Hill Clay Studio will send a talented artist to teach students how to manipulate clay into their creation, then students will paint their pieces. Nicole Beaudry will engage students with an artist study to inspire their own creativity. To round out the youth camp, a one-week sports clinic of each will keep children active in the afternoon: Soccer, Karate, and Yoga. Students will also enjoy Field Trips to the Detroit Zoo, Comerica Park and the Woods Park. In-school assemblies will complement the programming with visits from Lou's Pet Shop and Arts & Scraps.

Session 2 activities will bring The Detroit Institute of Arts to Assumption! Programs include art making, art discussions plus Visual Thinking Strategies led by DIA educational staff. A culminating field trip to the DIA is also included. Rounding out the creative self, instructors from Wayne State University will introduce the students to musical instruments. They will learn the basics of playing and reading music. One week of each of the sports camps will provide an opportunity to explore new skills: Volleyball, Baseball, and Basketball. Field trips to Michigan Science Center, Greekfest, and the Woods Park are certain to entertain the students along with in-school assemblies with Michigan Science Center.

Both sessions and will include field trips, creative art, writing, music, science, dance, storytelling, cooking, games, sports, gardening, field days and outdoor fun!
FOR THE YOUNGER SET, AGES 1-6 CHILDREN WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER THE WONDER OF THE ARTS, PROVOKE A SENSE OF CURIOSITY THROUGH SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION, INSTILL A DESIRE TO LEARN AND DEVELOP LASTING FRIENDSHIPS WITH OTHER CAMPERS.

Session 1 students will explore the outdoors, discover the animal world with Donny's Zoo to You from Lou's Pet Shop, and participate in a Yoga and Gymnastics clinic while learning about healthy eating. They will also learn about the outdoor world with a visit from the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Mobile Learning Center. Arts & Scraps will also visit the school to teach children how to use recycling material to create art!

Session 2 students will explore also participate in Yoga, Gymnastics and a healthy eating clinic. They will also learn about physical and chemical reactions with a visit from the Michigan Science Center. Children will act out favorite stories and nursery rhymes and put on their authors hat to create their own books.

In both sessions, children will enjoy games and sports, creative art, writing, music, science, dance, cooking, gardening, sprinkler days, field days and outdoor fun!

Full or half day sessions are available. The half-day program runs from 9 a.m. – noon and the more flexible full day begins at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m. The registration fee is \$50 for Summer Camp if registration is received prior to May 31. This is a great opportunity for your child to enjoy "New Friendships and New Challenges!"

Fall registrations for the school year 2014-2015 are now being accepted. Assumption Nursery School is conveniently located on the St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe border at 22150 Marter Road. Call the school office for Summer Camp and Fall registration or to schedule a tour with school Director Melissa Sharp, (586) 772-4477. Be sure to visit our website www.assumptionnursery.org.

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Learn about the outdoor world with Huron-Clinton Metroparks Mobile Learning Center
Build & Create with Arts & Scraps

Session 2 Activities Include:

NEW! Yoga & healthy eating and Gymnastics clinics
Learn about physical and chemical reactions with a visit from the Detroit Science Center
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Session 1: June 16th – July 18th

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Session 1 Activities Include:

- Theatre Arts: Led by Harry Burkey, Students will produce and star in a commercial
- Sugar Hill Clay: Build, design and paint clay creations
- Sports Clinics: Soccer, Karate and Yoga
- Artist Study with Nicole Beaudry and Photography Clinic
- Field Trips to Detroit Zoo, Comerica Park, and Woods Park
- In school assemblies with Lou's Pet Shop and Arts & Scraps

Session 2 activities include:

- The Detroit Institute of Arts:
Creative Arts Clinic and field trip to museum
- Music clinic coordinated by Professor Kypros Markou,
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- Field Trips to Michigan Science Center, Greekfest, and Woods Park
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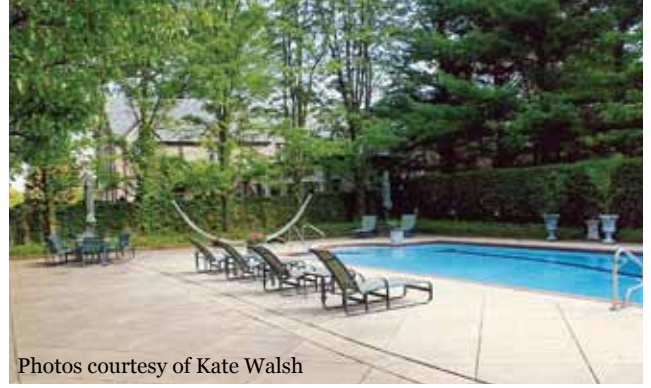
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GROSSE POINTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER GALA

Guests will enjoy the beauty of a Georgian Manor House when the Grosse Pointe Historical Society presents its Summer Gala: English Elegance, Wednesday, June 18 at 7 p.m.

Paula and Adrian Price are the hosts for this year's annual party and fundraiser. Their 1929 English Manor home, designed by Robert O. Derrick for Frank E. Price (no relation to the current owners), reflects the order and balance of the Georgian style.

The arched door at the entrance is echoed in the first floor doors to the dining room, living room and library. The classically inspired pediment over the entrance introduces the classical elements in the rest of the home.

"This is an absolutely fabulous house," says Susan Hartz, co-chair of the Summer Gala.

Docents will explain the architecture and details of this gracious home, including the Palladium windows, Ionic columns in the front hall and hand painted barrel vault ceiling in the foyer.

Although they admired the Georgian style and its understated elegance, homeowners often directed their architect to sacrifice order and balance on the outside for room size and function on the inside. In the case of 70 Vendome, guests will notice that the front entrance is positioned right

of center in order to accommodate the family's use of the first floor.

Musical entertainment features the Royal Garden Trio, who will perform in the garden, and vocalist Jeanne Bourget, accompanied by Jack McCormick, performing in the living room.

A strolling supper catered by Lakeland Manor will feature a themed menu that showcases food of the English Empire.

Vintage automobiles will be on display for guests to enjoy.

Photos will be taken of each guest by professional photographer, John Martin. At the end of the evening, guests can take the photo home.

Co-chairs Hartz and Susan Budrys are pleased to present this Derrick designed home for the eleventh annual fundraiser for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. Derrick's impressive design history includes the Henry Ford Museum, the Punch and Judy Building, Gabriel Richard School, Hannan Memorial



Co-chairs Susan Budrys and Susan Hartz



Hosts Paula and Adrian Price

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Name Chris Emmerson

Age 30

City Grosse Pointe Park

Occupation Musician, yoga instructor, guitar teacher

Chris's Favorites

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Book

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Vacation

Going up north for a long weekend

Spot in Grosse Pointe

The Yoga Shelter

Outdoor Activity

Riding my bike

Food

Pizza

What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

All the awesome people I've met

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

For our honeymoon, my wife and I went to Tulum, Mexico. It was beautiful.

What are two of your best personality traits?

I'm loyal and try to be a kind person.

What is the best gift you've ever received?

My baby that's on the way

What is one thing not many people know about you?

I attended the Detroit Waldorf School.

You win the lottery. What do you do?

I would help out as many people as I could and most likely buy another guitar.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I just finished recording an album. It took me a lot of time and effort. I played almost all of the instruments myself, including guitar, bass, drums, piano, violin, percussion and vocals.

About Chris:

"My wife Sarah and I are excited to welcome our new baby into our lives here in the Park. We don't know if the baby is a boy or girl so we're in for a big surprise! To check out my music you can download it on iTunes or visit www.chrisemmerson.com."

Chris loves all things music, from writing and recording to performing. His new album was released April 25.

Spring cleaning & estate planning

By Jon B. Gandelot

Spring is a time of new beginnings. It's a time to dust off all that "stuff" and perhaps start thinking about giving some of it away. Much of this stuff has meaning and carries a history with it that we want to live on through family and friends after we are gone.



Who will cherish the family photo album, the holiday candlesticks, Grandpa's coin collection, as we have? How can we be certain that these objects will not be the cause of arguments? The answer is to distribute them through a Tangible Personal Property Memorandum. This document can be incorporated into your Estate Plan. It acts as a supplement to your trust or will without the same formalities.

Tangible personal property includes that which you own and can touch. A memorandum is a listing of who gets what. Determining this before a crisis occurs is a great way to show your love.

Begin the conversation. Decide, perhaps with the help of family, who is going to get Grandpa's coin collection. Determine what "fair" means to your family. Identify those special objects, and as they are gathered, take the time to tell the story behind them. Establish ground rules and agree on a process. Listen. Say what needs to be said without blame or judgment. Remember why you are doing this. The best legacy you can give to your loved ones is that of positive relationships with each other.

Jon B. Gandelot is founding principal of GANDELLOT HARTMANN, Counselors at Law, an estate planning and trust administration firm in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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TEAM STAHL EMBARKS ON ANOTHER GREAT RACE

By John Minnis

Ted and Mary Stahl, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and sons Brett and Dan, are about to set off on another Great Race adventure. This year's nine-day, 2,100-mile road rally begins June 21 in Ogunquit, Maine, and ends June 29 in The Villages, Fla., just south of Ocala.



"We have three teams competing in the Sportsman Division," according to "The Spirit of Stahls" Facebook page.

Team 1: From Berlin, Germany, are Thomas and Benjamin Karr in car No. 97, a 1934 Ford Deluxe Phaeton.

Team 2: From Grosse Pointe Woods, are Ted and Mary Stahl in car No. 90, a 1935 Auburn.

Team 3: From Chesterfield Township are second-generation Stahls, Brett and Dan, in car No. 17, a 1941 Packard 120 coupe.

The road rally event is coined after 1965 slapstick comedy, *Great Race*, featuring the Great Leslie (Tony Curtis) and Professor Fate (Jack Lemmon) and the intrepid photojournalist Maggie DuBois (Natalie Wood).

The Great Race today is more of a precision-timed, vintage car (1969 or older) road rally than an actual race. Competitors are given precise instructions not only on the route, but what speed they must travel along each segment of the way.

"The Spirit of Stahls is the team name chosen for our entry into the Great Race," according to "The Spirit of Stahls" Facebook page.

Team Stahl can be followed at tedstahl.com or on Facebook (The Spirit of Stahls).

For more information on the Great Race, go to www.greatrace.com or on Facebook (Great Race). [P](#)





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Building for the future

By John Minnis

While the Country Club of Detroit is grounded in tradition, it is not stuck in the past. As it has done many times over its 117 years, the club is adapting to an ever-changing society to keep up with its members' lifestyles in the 21st century.

"As we've done many, many times over the years, we've adapted to lifestyle changes," says CCD Board of Governors President Frank Roney, a lifelong Grosse Pointer. "We're standing on tradition but adapting to lifestyle changes and increasing our value to members."

The clubhouse, built in 1927, is currently undergoing renovation of the ladies powder room and locker room. The work follows on the heels of renovation of the grill room into an informal, come-as-you-are dining area that was just completed at the end of March. And that work followed the renovation of the club's championship golf course in 2012 and the primary dining facilities in 2008. The main dining room was made less formal in order to make it more family friendly, consistent with the trend to more casual dining, and a new classic English Tavern was added as well.

With the coming of warm weather, improvements will move outdoors with the expansion of the club's short-game practice area this fall. "We have a lot of members who like to come and spend an hour practicing their game and enjoying time with friends," Roney explains.

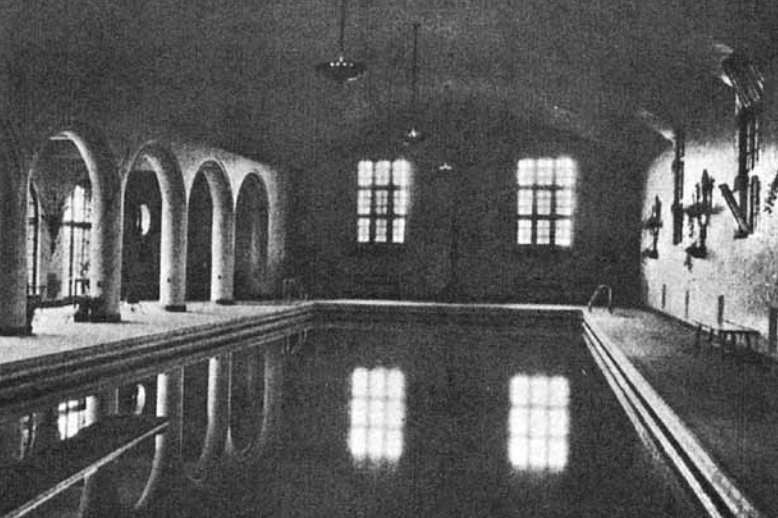
The completion of the expanded practice area will culminate Phase I of the club's \$10 million renovation and expansion plans through 2016. Phase II is even more ambitious with complete rebuilding of the club's racquets and pool facilities over the next 12 months. Plans call for new racquets, pool and food and beverage buildings, designed by Robert Wood & Associates. Amenities will include new men and women's locker rooms, a full kitchen and casual pool dining and bar facilities — indoors and out — zero-entry pool access, age-appropriate play and court game areas and a new splash pad, pool and playground for younger children.

Preliminary drawings depict a pool and recreation area similar to that of a top-rate resort. "It will be very approachable, very warm and friendly," Roney says. "This is our summer resort area, so the new amenities will promote outside activities."

Overseeing the design construction will be Grissim Metz Andriese Associates, the landscape architect for the Greenfield Village restoration project. "Grissim will work very close with Rob Wood," Roney says. "As we design our new facilities, we want to make sure that they fit appropriately on campus." At CCD, "appropriate" means understated, country English Tudor.

As if the new racquets and pool facilities and play areas were not enough, they are only part of Phase II. The second part, Phase IIb, calls for digging out the old indoor pool underneath the bowling alleys, and building a new bowling center, which will be moved below grade, similar to the other clubs in the area. Above the new bowling center, the





Country Club of Detroit natatorium, circa 1927, prior to bowling alley built over pool in 1938. Photo courtesy CCD


club is building a new 5,000- to 6,000-square-foot fitness facility complete with cardio and resistance equipment and rooms for group activities and classes, such as yoga and spinning. Work on the new bowling and fitness center is slated to be completed by the fall of 2016.

What is truly fascinating is that for the first time since the pool was covered over in 1938, members will be able to see for themselves what the original natatorium looked like. When the bowling alley was built, a dropped ceiling and the wall at the end were added, covering a barrel ceiling and two large windows. “More than 50 percent of our members touch bowling in some way,” Roney says. “We have a very active bowling group at CCD, adults and children. What drives successful clubs today are member activities.”

Indeed, club members’ children are active in many activities: 140 on the swim team, 165 day-campers and 180 junior golfers. Keeping an eye on the club’s tradition of focusing on amateur golf, the board has wisely agreed to allow children of social members, ages 14 and younger to participate in the junior golf programs. “While some younger working men and women don’t have time to play golf,” Roney says, “our goal is still to promote amateur golf ... in keeping with our long-standing commitment to golf.” Children of social members are also allowed to participate in our Junior Golf programs and to play the nine-hole “short course.”

“This is all by design to focus on families and children,” Roney says. “We’re looking for new members. All clubs are. Our target group is 30 to 45 years old and young families. We have a lot of amenities that make us very attractive. Our dues are competitive, and our initiation fees are very competitive. The board’s goal is to make the club relevant to the active lifestyles of young members and to raising their families.”

General Manager Craig Cutler adds, “I feel very fortunate. It’s a great time in the club’s history. I think the members voting for this expansion of the club’s amenities puts us on the right track.”

Yet while lifestyles change and “country club casual” becomes the norm, one thing that doesn’t — and won’t — change is the character of the Country Club of Detroit and its members — “quiet dignity in good company.” 

CCD to get historical marker from GPHS

The Country Club of Detroit, founded in 1897, was slated to receive an historical plaque from the Grosse Pointe Historical Society at its “Pointes in History” program May 7 at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The public is invited.

“We are looking forward to putting that plaque on our clubhouse,” says Frank Roney, president of the board of governors. “We are very proud of our club and our clubhouse and its historical significance. We like to think we are an asset to the community.”

Fifteen prominent Grosse Pointers met 117 years ago to form a golf club in “The Pointe.” Their first clubhouse, the former “Grosse Pointe Club,” sat at the foot of Fisher Road where the Rose Terrace subdivision is today. The golf course stretched across Lake Shore Road to just above Kercheval where Richard School is today.

When the club lost some of its leased golf course property to a subdivision development, the members decided to build a new course on “vacant” land farther north and purchased the Weir Farm, just north of Moross Road, in 1911. The new land, too, had lake frontage and stretched beyond Mack Avenue. British golf architect Harry Colt designed the new course on what members then called the “upper property.”

At the time, CCD was both a yacht club and golf club. In fact, the head of the board of governors was known as “President and Commodore.” The split came in 1920, when members voted for a second Albert Kahn-designed clubhouse on the “upper property.” (The first having been built 13 years earlier on the “lower property.”) Operating two clubhouses was not financially feasible, so the golf members outnumbering the yachtsmen voted to sell the “lower property.” The boaters attempted to buy the “lower property” but were outbid by Mrs. Horace (Anna) Dodge, who promptly demolished Kahn’s four-story clubhouse to build Rose Terrace. (The former CCD yachtsmen found lakefront property “virtually next door” and in 1927 the current “Little Club” was opened as the Grosse Pointe Club.)

In 1925, two years after the “fireproof” Kahn clubhouse was built on the “upper property,” it burned to the ground. While the walls were fireproof, the slate roof apparently was not. The cause of the fire was never determined. CCD’s fourth and current clubhouse, designed by Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, opened on April 23, 1927.

“It’s a wonderful clubhouse that has served us so well since it was designed in the 1920s,” Roney says. “It was designed to be a country respite after a long work week — or day.”

History source: *In Good Company: A Centennial History of the Country Club of Detroit, 1897-1997.*



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18666 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 881-5675

Irish Coffee Bar and Grill has been a staple on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms for 33 years, notable for their fantastic bar burgers (1/3 lb ground rounds) and numerous coffee cocktails. Three high-definition TVs make this neighborhood bar a great place to watch the game. Swing by after the game or any entertainment event in the area, bring your ticket stub and your burger is only \$1.96! The daily lunch special is the best in town: dine-in between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and for \$5.95 have a ground round, fries and your choice of beverage (domestic draft beer or pop). This is also good for a fish sandwich or a grilled chicken sandwich. This family-owned restaurant is a great spot for young and old, and there is something on the menu for everyone. The homemade onion rings are a local favorite, and the fresh, hand-battered yellow-belly perch is particularly popular among seafood lovers. Numerous corned-beef sandwiches top off the menu with a true, Irish flare. The grill is open until 1 am, seven days a week! Hope to see you there! 

Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-2am; Sun 5pm-2am



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Hours: Daily 11am-1am (Kitchen closes at midnight.)
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Hours: Mon-Sat 6am-6pm; Sun 9am-3pm

Web: www.MorningGloryGrossePointe.com



Pepperoni Grille

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

As its name implies, Pepperoni Grille is a cheerful spot set in a welcome, casual atmosphere. The eatery features a small bar and dining room on one side of the central open kitchen, and a second dining room on the other side. It offers notable pizza along with a number of popular dishes from Calamari, Chicken Picatta and Lake Michigan Perch to Filet Mignon and New York Strip Steaks and Baby Back Ribs. The staff is friendly and courteous. The full bar offers wine, liquor and beer. Our Reverse Happy Hour from 8 p.m. to close 7 days features \$2 domestic beers, \$5 martinis and 1/2-off appetizers. Tuesday is half-off pizza all day, dine in or carry out. Wednesdays feature two signature pasta dishes and a bottle of wine \$38. 

Hours: Mon 4-10pm; Tues-Thurs 11am-10pm; Fri 11am-11pm; Sat noon-11pm; Sun 3-9pm

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Dinner: Open daily at 5pm

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The Hill Seafood and Chop House

123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 886-8101 • (313) 886-9653

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Hours: Lunch: Mon-Sat 11:30am-3pm

Dinner: Mon-Thur 5-10pm, Fri-Sat 5-11pm; Closed Sunday.

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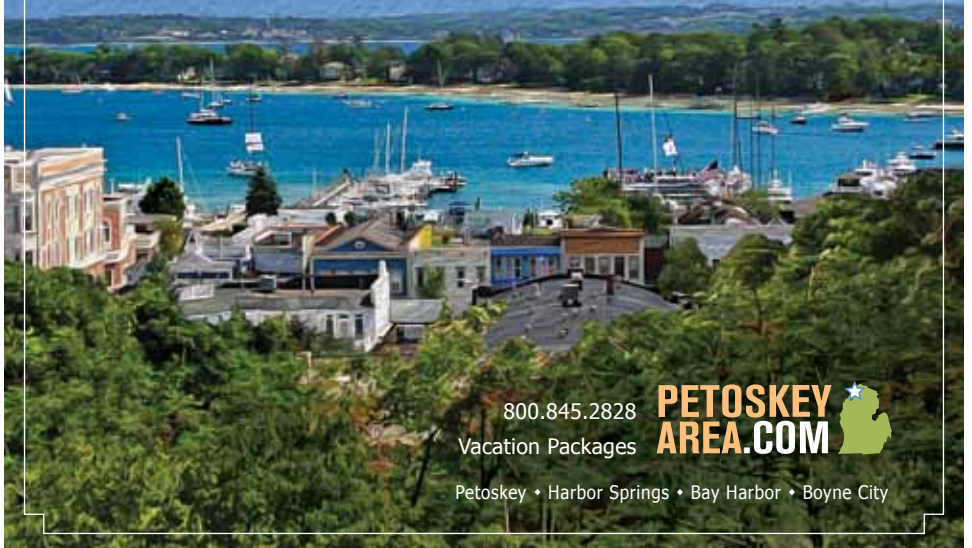
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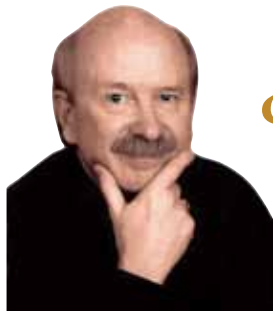


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Early Summer Shrimp Ceviche

A Mother's Day & Father's Day dish

By Doug Cordier

The history and tradition of paying homage to parents is a long and varied one, particularly in this country.

In America, we may trace the celebration of Mother's Day back to Anna Jarvis, who dedicated her life to establishing a modern Mother's Day in honor of all mothers, but in particular

a Father's Day to honor 361 men who were killed in a West Virginia mine explosion.

William Jennings Bryant was a staunch supporter of the concept and in 1924 President Calvin "Silent Cal" Coolidge urged Congress and the states to make the third Sunday in June an official Father's Day. While

Early Summer Shrimp Ceviche

Ceviche is a famous refreshing dish dating back to the Incas. This one combines fresh pineapple, watermelon, tomato, cucumber, jalapeno pepper, scallions, red onion and cilantro. The lime juice is used to "cook" the shellfish.

- 1 cup** lightly cooked shrimp (1/2 inch pieces)
- 1/2 cup** pineapple (1/4 inch pieces)
- 1/2 cup** tomato (1/4 inch pieces)
- 1/2 cup** cucumber, peeled and seeds removed (1/4 inch pieces)
- 1/2 cup** watermelon (1/4 inch pieces)
- 1/2** jalapeno pepper, diced
- 1/2 cup** chopped green onion tops
- 1/2 cup** red onions, diced
- 1/2 cup** cilantro, chopped
- 2 tbs** lime juice
- 1 tbs** raspberry vinegar
- 2 tbs** olive oil
- Pinch sea salt

1. Lightly boil shrimp for one minute
2. Drain the water well
3. Chop shrimp into 1/2 inch pieces
4. Toss shrimp with lime, vinegar and oil
5. Refrigerate shrimp for one hour
6. Combine remaining ingredients with shrimp

Serve chilled with cilantro garnish.

Wellness Chef Doug Cordier, is a food writer, TV cook, Certified Nutrition Wellness Consultant and business man. Doug is the owner of Cascom Group Travel and has been teaching corporate and Italian cooking classes for twenty years, plus leading culinary tours to their villa in Tuscany. For more foodie thoughts and recipes, visit www.cookingwithcordier.com.



Photo by Doug Cordier

her own, Ann Reeves Jarvis, a social activist and community organizer during the American Civil War era.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially set aside the first Sunday in May as Mother's Day, in large part due to Anna Jarvis's campaign.

The history of Father's Day is more unclear. Some say Sonora Smart Dodd started it to honor her Civil War veteran father, William Smart, who raised six children after his wife died in child birth. Other sources credit Grace Golden Clayton, who proposed

President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers in 1966, Father's Day would not become a national holiday until President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

Whether it's our mothers or fathers, we all feel a need to set aside a special time and way to say thank you. We reflect on the sacrifices they made to ensure we had a better life. So, to celebrate this year, cook this unique and refreshing dish for early summer enjoyment for the whole family.

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Meet Albert



Name Albert Patrosso

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City Grosse Pointe Woods

Occupation Retired automotive engineer for Chrysler

Albert's Favorites

Season

Early Fall

Book

Dr. Hudson's Secret Journal by Lloyd C. Douglas

Movie

Laura, 1944

Musical Artist

Jo Stafford - "Long Ago and Far Away," 1944

Food

Eggs over easy with bacon, hash browns and an English muffin

Dessert

Apple pie à la mode

Vacation

San Jose, Calif.

About Albert:

Al was born in Clinton, Ind. and came to Detroit when he was six months old. He graduated from Cass Tech High

School and served in the 7th Airforce as a bombardier on the B-24 Liberator in the South Pacific.

He received a degree in Electrical Engineering from University of Michigan and as a Chrysler engineer, was involved in the development of the first automobile air conditioning unit in Chrysler cars.

Al married Sara on May 9, 1953 and they raised two sons, Mark and Gary. He has a wonderful daughter-in-law, Jeannie, and two loveable twin granddaughters, Aubry and Brittany, who are now attending Grand Valley State University. He attends Crosspointe Christian Church in the Woods, where "I enjoy activities with the friendliest people." Al walks every morning at Eastland or along Mack Avenue, depending on the weather.

What was your first job?

Butcher when I was 15

What is one thing you miss about being a kid?

Spending time on Belle Isle with friends

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

Three-week tour of California

Are you a collector of anything?

Family photos

What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

My wedding with Sara on May 9, 1953

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Raising two great sons

Words to live by?

Accept the good with the bad.

Let's keep our seniors moving

By Ronda Maniaci

Today a lot more is known about older adults and their need to exercise.

Regardless of one's health and physical abilities, seniors can still exercise and benefit from it.

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Exercising can be done anywhere, even in a chair. Check with your local



senior center for chair yoga classes. Take a walk outdoors; this is not only good for your body, but also your mind. You may want to consider starting or joining a seniors walking club.

Remember, exercise does not have to be strenuous; everyday activities will make you stronger and more active. Results are usually noticeable in just a few weeks.

To avoid injury, it is important to stretch and warm up your muscles prior to exercising. It is also important to wear the proper clothing and footwear. Be sure to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Begin all exercise slowly and stop exercising if you experience any pain.

It is always best to check with your physician prior to starting any exercise and never exercise alone.

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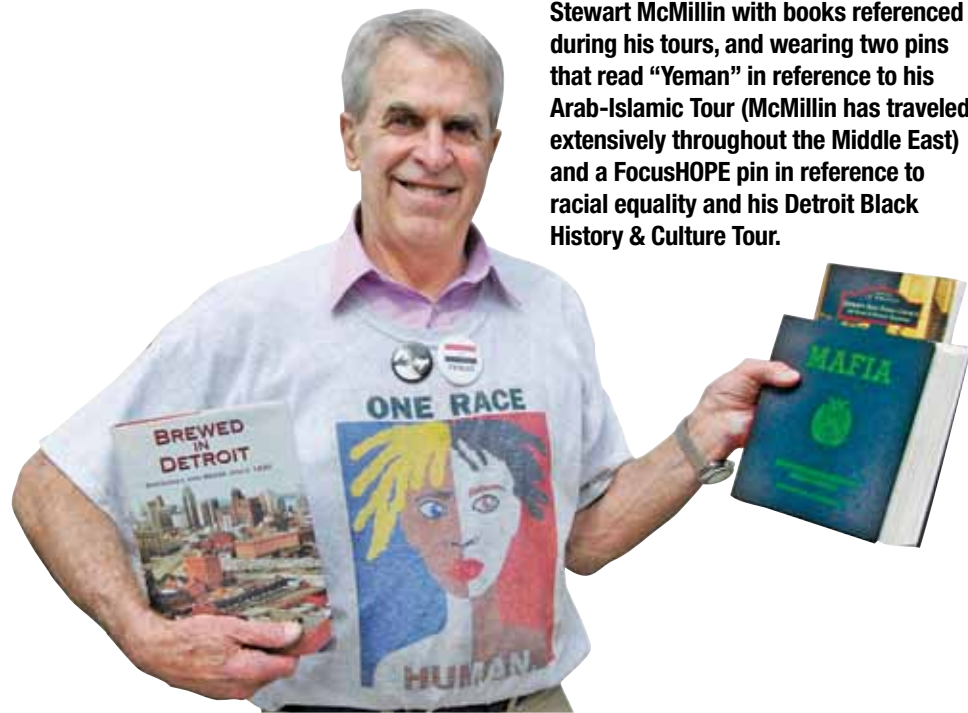
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Stewart McMillin with books referenced during his tours, and wearing two pins that read “Yeman” in reference to his Arab-Islamic Tour (McMillin has traveled extensively throughout the Middle East) and a FocushOPE pin in reference to racial equality and his Detroit Black History & Culture Tour.

STEWART MCMILLIN TOURS

By Lauren McGregor

Stewart McMillin, world traveler, author and former teacher, has been leading Detroit tours since 1968. Why start tours just months after the Detroit Riots? The root of McMillin’s passion lies in race relations.

In 1947, at the age of seven, McMillin watched as Brooklyn Dodger Jackie Robinson stepped onto the field to play against the Philadelphia Phillies at Shibe Park.

“That game was my first experience that stressed the importance of race,” he says. Robinson, the first African American to play in Major League Baseball, was met with a mix of admiration and hostility, and seven-year-old McMillin took note of this.


A few years later, in 1954, McMillin’s family moved to Grosse Pointe, where he remained until 1996, when he moved to Indian Village in Detroit.

McMillin has taught in Detroit Public Schools, Birmingham, Hazel Park, at East Detroit High School and at Wayne State University. His observation of the incredible inequality between the schools prompted him to incorporate black history studies and humanities clubs into his classes.

While still living in Grosse Pointe, McMillin founded his tours on all that he’d learned through teaching and traveling (he’s visited all 50 states and 142 countries!). He joined forces with the Grosse Pointe Interfaith Center for Racial Justice and Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church to fight for racial justice. He was involved in these efforts in the late 1960s, just a couple years before becoming the first Macomb County teacher to teach black studies.

“Many of my tours have to do with issues of race,” McMillin says. “For example, my overnight tour this year is about the Underground Railroad.

“There is so much negativity about Detroit because of our reputation founded on the publicity of only bad news. There are a lot of good things happening and I want people to see that through my tours. People are working hard to turn things around.”

While his focus is on race equality, he also offers brewery tours, women’s history tours, Arab and Islamic history tours, Italian history tours and many more. Tours usually include coach bus transportation and a group of at least 30 participants. 

2014 Tours

Woodward Avenue Tour

May 15, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Woodmere Cemetery Tour

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\$35 per person include lunch at Vince’s.

Woodmere Cemetery is at 9444 West Fort Street. No transportation to cemetery provided.

Italian Culture & History Tour

July 2, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

\$55 includes coach bus transportation, lunch, Holy Family Church, DIA art tour and more.

Detroit Black History & Culture Tour

July 10, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

\$35 includes coach bus transportation to Black Bottom, Paradise Valley, Black Historic markers, the Detroit Historical Museum, Tuskegee Airmen Museum and much, much more. Lunch will be on your own at Steve’s Soul Food.

Detroit Brewery History & Microbrewery Tour

Aug. 28, 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

\$35 includes coach bus transportation. Dinner will be on your own at Traffic Jam & Snug or Motor City Brewing Works.

Women’s Museum & Michigan History Museum in Lansing

Sept. 18, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

\$55 includes coach bus transportation. Lunch will be on your own at Clara’s Lansing Station Restaurant, an old train station.

Arab-Islamic Tour of Harper Woods, Detroit, Hamtramck & Dearborn

Oct. 9, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

\$60 per person includes coach bus transportation, admission to two mosques, Arab American National Museum and lunch at La Shish Restaurant.

Underground Railroad Tour to Canada

Oct. 23-27, Single: \$579, Double: \$399 (due June 15), two nights in Niagara Falls, two in Toronto. Stops include St. Catherine’s, “Little Africa” and Oakville; Future Underground Railroad tours will be Oct. 23-26, 2015 in Ohio and Kentucky and Oct. 19-24, 2016 in New York.

For more details, call (313) 922-1990, e-mail stewart@mcmillintours.com or visit mcmillintours.com.

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COOKING with CHEF ETHAN STEINER

French Toast Strata on Mother's Day



One of my fondest memories growing up was cooking with my Grama Delphine.

I was about 7 or 8, and I remember making meatloaf with her. I loved using my hands to squish the ingredients with the beef.

My Grama took me to the bookstore to pick out any book that I wanted. I picked out a cookbook that had big plastic measuring spoons attached to it. I remember going back to my Grama's house looking through all the recipes.

There was not a meatloaf recipe, but since I had already mastered the

"homemade" meatloaf of my Grama's, I found another recipe that attracted my eye – French toast! This was a great recipe because I got to crack two eggs and dip the bread in the liquid! Not quite as messy as meatloaf, but still very fun to make.

French toast was my specialty when I was a kid and since then, my Aunt Babs introduced me to a more "grown up" version of French toast.

This recipe is both easy and delicious! I have very fun memories of cooking with my Grama, my mom, my friend Helen and my Aunt Babs.

My Grama taught me not to worry

about making a mess in the kitchen. My mom taught me to have fun while I cook. My friend Helen taught me to make sure everything was just perfect and my Aunt Babs taught me not to be afraid to talk in the kitchen as if I had my own cooking show!

The best part about this recipe is that it is simple and doesn't take a lot of time to make. Happy Mother's Day to everyone – especially my mom, my Grama, my aunts and all my "hockey moms."

French Toast Strata

Serves 12

Ingredients

- 1 loaf** cinnamon raisin bread, cubed
- 8 oz** cream cheese, diced
- 1 cup** peeled apples (not Red Delicious), diced
- 8** eggs
- 2 1/2 cups** half and half cream
- 6 tbs** melted butter
- 1/4 cup** maple syrup

Directions

1. Coat a 9x13-inch pan with cooking spray
2. Arrange half of the bread across the bottom of the dish
3. Evenly sprinkle with cream cheese over the bread and top with apples
4. Top with remaining bread
5. In a large bowl, beat eggs together with the half and half cream, butter and syrup
6. Pour mixture over the bread mixture
7. Cover with plastic wrap and press down so that all the bread pieces are evenly soaked
8. Refrigerate for at least two hours, preferably overnight
9. Preheat oven to 325 degrees
10. Bake for 45 minutes



Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Serve with whipped cream, cinnamon and warm maple syrup.

Optional variations to the recipe:

- Add raisins with the apples.
- Add dried cranberries and raisins instead of apples.

Chef Ethan Steiner, a 2008 graduate of De La Salle Collegiate High School, graduated from Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts with an Associates of Occupational Studies Degree in Culinary Arts and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Culinary Management in Las Vegas, Nevada.

After working the Las Vegas hotel circuit, Steiner decided to return to Michigan. He has worked with, and for, Chef Jose Andres, Chef John Hilton, Chef Rick Moonen, Chef Gordon Ramsay and Chef Wolfgang Puck.

Today, Steiner is a chef at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Follow him on twitter@Chef_Ethan.

Eliminator eyes Newport-Bermuda

By Ted Everingham

Eight veteran Grosse Pointe sailors will compete in the 49th Newport Bermuda Race, which starts on June 20 off Castle Hill in historic Newport, Rhode Island. The finish line is at Bermuda, 635 nautical miles — the equivalent of 730 miles ashore — to the southeast across the open ocean.

They will sail *Eliminator*, a 40-year-old

C&C 35 MKII sloop owned by Paul VanTol and Bruce VandeVusse, a pair of college classmates who bought her in 1984. Chris VanTol, Michael Hoey, Paul Rashid, H.J. Richardson, Greg Vasse and Michael Rutledge will round out the eight-man crew.

In the 30 years that VanTol and VandeVusse have raced *Eliminator*, they have collected 12 first-in-class medals and taken overall honors twice in Bayview's Mackinac Race. Chris VanTol said that with that kind of success in the fresh waters of the Great Lakes, the crew decided last fall that it was time to "take a run at the East Coast sailors" in the Newport Bermuda Race, a saltwater classic first sailed in 1906.

With generous sponsorship support from TimesSquare Capital Management LLC and a complete refurbishing over the winter at Snider Marine in Harrison Township, *Eliminator* is fully outfitted for the open ocean. Still, she will undergo an extensive, required safety inspection here before being sent by truck to Newport on June 10 for the June 20 start.

Satellite tracking of *Eliminator* and the entire Newport Bermuda Race fleet will be available at bermudarace.com.

Ted Everingham's "Great Lakes Log" can be seen daily at 1:30, 5 & 10:30 p.m. and 2 a.m. on WMTV, a service of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, on Comcast channels 5 & 915 in the Pointes and Harper Woods, on WOW channel 10 in Grosse Pointe Woods and on AT&T U-verse in seven counties in Southeast Michigan.



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OVER ALL OF OUR HEADS

By Beth Newhart

For a little guy, Dane Lezotte already has some big accomplishments under his belt.

Just weeks after his sixth birthday and in only his second gymnastics meet, the kindergartner at St. Paul's Catholic School finished in first place on the horizontal bar, medaled in five out of six of his events and finished as the fourth best, all-around male gymnast in the Level Four, five- to six-year-old range at the 2014 Michigan State Championship held this past March in Battle Creek.

Starting with lessons with his older sister Brooke, 8, Dane began his gymnastic career in the family's Grosse Pointe living room.

"She started teaching me cartwheels and round offs," he says.

Next came back handsprings, and this past summer, he started going to Cutting Edge Athletics where coach Jerome Lambert saw an amazing boy who views the sport through the eyes of an adult.

"When I look at Dane at practice and at competition, I see a young man capable of anything," says Lambert.

But Dane keeps a level head with all of the attention. Where he could be king of the hill, his favorite part of gymnastics is being the mascot for the older boys he emulates.


"They call me 'Little Dude,'" he says with a grin.

Mom, Ginny and Dad, Dan,

are obviously proud of his accomplishments. The youngest of their three children, Dane has followed in the athletic footsteps of not only his sister, but his brother, Aidan, 10, as well. All three children swim for Pointe Aquatics and Lochmoor Club; Dane also water and snow skis along with playing baseball for the City-Farms Little League.

What started out as fun tumbling at home may have led to a gold medal in his second meet, but Dane does have higher aspirations.

When asked if he thinks he'll make it to the Olympics, he answers, "Yes, when I'm like 20. And at U of M."

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WOMEN WHO MOTOR

at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

By Elizabeth Vogel



“Mabel at the Wheel,” 1914 film starring Charlie Chaplin and Mabel Normand will be shown during the exhibit

Women Who Motor, which will have a soft opening coinciding with EyesOn Design over Father’s Day weekend, is the newest exhibit to come to the Ford House. “The theme is two-pronged: how the automobiles changed the history of women, and how women affected change in the automobile industry,” explains Cindy Olsen, Director of Material Culture at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.


Featuring three time periods, one

vehicle will be on display representing each era. The early era, 1880s-1945, is represented by a 1914 Detroit Electric owned by Mrs. Henry Joy. The Post-war era, 1946-1965, is represented by a 1952 Lincoln Town & Country owned by Eleanor Ford. The Modern Era, beginning in 1965, was selected to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Mustang and is a 1965 model. The owner is being kept a secret until the exhibit opens.

As museum goers walk through the exhibit they will enjoy three dimensional artifacts and multimedia clips of iconic movies, music and images. Visitors will see clips from *Mabel at the Wheel*, original sheet music to the 1904 song “My Automobile Girl,” while learning the stories of remarkable women who

shaped—and were shaped by—the automobile.

Kathleen Mullins, President of the Ford House is hopeful that this exhibit will offer a serious opportunity for dialogue about women and the automobile. “The act of driving is a right of passage, for instance. The car also represents independence. We are seeing women who are not allowed to drive in other parts of the world use the automobile as a tool to protest and fight for independence.”

Programming will begin in the fall, according to Megan Wood, Associate Vice President of Education and Visitor Experience. Poised for a two-year run, Women Who Motor is located in the Gatehouse Garage. 

Eleanor Ford, circa 1960, with car and driver behind her at the Ford Auditorium



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A new City Kitchen

By John Minnis

While business has been solid these past eight years in the Village for Chick Taylor at City Kitchen, one weak spot has been the size of the bar area.

“The old bar was congested,” Taylor says. “It was a 12-stool bar. People like to sit at the bar, not just for cocktails, but also to eat at the bar. People would see the bar full and walk out.”

An opportunity to correct that deficiency opened up when the space at 16900 Kercheval became available. Work began on the new bar area last August and was completed after the first of the year, opening Jan. 24. Contrary to local legend, Taylor, who describes himself as a “hobbyist,” did not do all the woodwork himself.

“I had a great crew of guys

who helped me with the original restaurant,” he says, “and they were available to do this. I was a hands-on



participant.”

The new area, like the original space, is oak throughout with wrought iron chandeliers and matching



sconces. The 18-stool bar and high tops that seat another 26 patrons have zinc tops. With large windows fronting Kercheval, the bar has a more of a country club feel than a blue-collar drinking joint. It fits seamlessly with the existing restaurant.

“We made it feel like the space has always been here,” Taylor says. “It doesn’t feel like you’re walking into a different building. What I really wanted was a comfortable, relaxed feeling, and I think we achieved that.”

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By Patti Theros

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The DSO at Ford House steering committee has been hard at work helping to raise the funds necessary to offer this unique experience to the community. Sponsorship opportunities are available at many different levels (\$20,000 to \$1,000) and most include the VIP experience with valet parking, open bar, gourmet dinner, access to the Ford House and reserved seating.

“Chairing the fifth year at DSO at Ford House has been a wonderful experience,” says Mary Shafer, of the DSO at Ford House Steering Committee. “The committee is comprised of community leaders dedicated to making this the best year to date. I am thrilled that this year the net proceeds will go to benefit music education for the youth of the greater community. It is my favorite summer event in Grosse Pointe

and certain that all who attend will feel the same way.”

Each concert offers a different theme under the direction of conductor Courtney Lewis. Friday night features jazz with vocalist Dee Daniels singing “Night Out with the Boys” and hits by Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, Stevie Wonder and more. Saturday night’s performance, “Around the World in 80 Days,” ties in with the Ford House’s Fairy Tale theme of “Peter Pan,” featuring music literally from around the world: including Barber (USA), Massenet (France), Elgar (UK), Mozart (Austria), Dvořák (Czech Republic), Grieg (Norway) and Tchaikovsky (Russia).

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About Mil:

“Enjoying the simple things in life” is Mil’s motto. She sails on Lake St. Clair and enjoys her husband Matthew’s “good cookin” with friends and spending time with her daughters.

Mil also enjoys walking, listening to music, visiting public gardens, reading and hosting “Pointes of Horticulture” on WMTV5.

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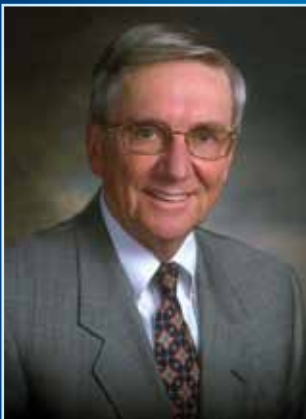
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St. Paul School Auction Feb. 1 @ Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

Photos by Patti Theros



Monsignor Patrick Halfpenny, Auction Chairperson Kerry Moylan and Principal Kathleen White



Robin Stiyer and Michelle Carion showcase "the money bag"



Elizabeth and Dr. Steve Knowlton with Monsignor Patrick Halfpenny

Our Lady Star of the Sea School Auction March 1 @ Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

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Julie Aemisegger, Msgr. Gary Smetanka and Margaret Spindler



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Phyllis Demars and Holly Kunick

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Marti K. Miller, Jacqueline Wilson (First Lady of Wayne) and Laura Kystad



Cindy Thibodeau, Rose Hauck, Theresa Lorio, Laura Kystad, Joan Wright, Santina Miller, Marti K. Miller and Georgiana Imbriaco



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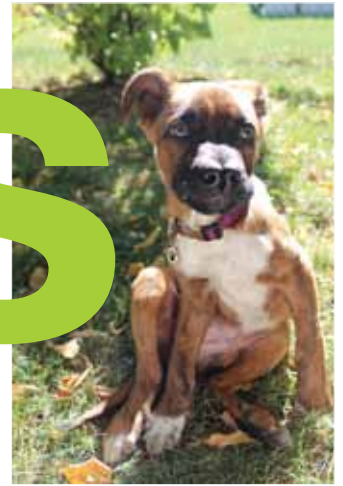
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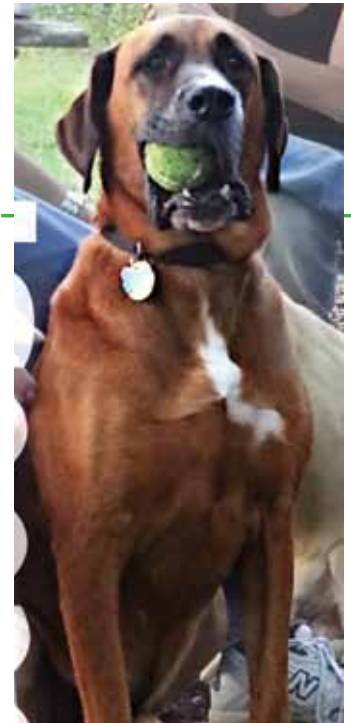
Cayman & Cabo

Fifteen-year-old chocolate Labradors, Cayman and Cabo, have spent their senior years sleeping and eating as much as possible. They enjoy swimming in the AuSable River and rolling in the pine needles at their cabin. They live in the Woods with the Smarch family.



Max

Max is a 9-year-old Labradoodle who “owns” the beach just north of Lexington. He calls the Farms his home with Tom and Anne Mertz.



Scooby

Scooby is part Rhodesian Ridgeback, part Redbone Hound, but he is all love. He trades the love for treats using his sad guilting eyes every Wednesday when visiting the Van Eslander Cancer Center as a therapy dog. To maximize his love and treat intake, he moonlights as the mascot for a local charity that does outstanding things in the community, Wigs4Kids. Scooby uses his owner Tom Campbell of Grosse Pointe Farms in accomplishing his canine pursuits.



Rudie

Before coming to live in the Woods at the Vierk house, Rudie, a Bumblebee Ball Python, spent his earliest days at Lou’s Pet Shop. He makes a great “exotic” pet due to his very mild disposition and his small stature.



Jack & Jackson

Jack and Jackson call Brian and Alka Fossee their parents, and they live with their human siblings Preston and Erica in Grosse Pointe City. They enjoy spending lazy days together waiting for their family to come home.

Seasonal allergies

By Dr. Gerald Barnes

Most of us are excited to see the snow disappear, but as the snow melts and the rain arrives, allergy season also begins! Your dog or cat can suffer from many of the same allergy causing culprits that humans can. Snow mold, a type of fungus which may affect lawns after the snow melts, is one of the first seasonal allergens to appear early in the year. Tree pollens follow, with softwoods pollinating in March and April, followed by hardwoods in April and May. Grasses are next, typically beginning in May and continuing through July. Weed pollens then arrive in August and last until the first killing frost.



If your pet has allergies, you may notice watery eyes, scratching at the face and ears, or licking and chewing at their paws or belly. The allergy may continue with your pet scratching so much that bald spots appear. Irritated areas of the skin can then become secondarily infected, needing antibiotics. At the first sign of allergy symptoms, you can bathe your pet (if possible) with an oatmeal shampoo made specifically for dogs and cats, and make an appointment to see your veterinarian who may be able to provide some relief.

Finally, fleas are the number one allergy in dogs and cats, and with flea season typically starting in May, you will want to make sure your pets are protected with a high quality flea preventative.

Dr. Gerald Barnes is a 1978 graduate of Michigan State University who has studied extensively in the areas of allergies and dermatology, receiving referral cases from many area veterinarians. He joined Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in 1999.

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Les Misérables



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By John Minnis

Everything about Grosse Pointe Theatre's staging of *Les Misérables* is big — 200 auditioners; 60 cast members, including 10 children; 200 volunteers; months of preparation and rehearsal; technical difficulties and unique and surprising stage sets.

"It's even bigger than I thought it would be," says veteran Director Beverly Dickinson, who has been with GPT for 25 years and has directed eight plays before *Les Miz*, including, most recently, her award-winning *Jekyll & Hyde*. "We have some very surprising technical developments in this version of *Les Miz*."

Producer Emmajeane Evans has been with GPT for more than 35 years. As head of GPT's Youth On Stage program, she was elated that some of her kids got parts in *Les Miz*. "I'm very proud of that," Evans says. "It gives kids in our youth program a chance to act on the big stage. They learned that sometimes when you audition you don't get the part." She also noted that because of the size of the production, there are more than a handful of multiple family members taking part, "both on and off the stage."


Director Dickinson is impressed

with the talent she is able to call upon. "I think people will truly be surprised at the voices and the performances of these people," she says.

Dickinson will not divulge too much about the stage design except to say it will be "surprising and a thrill to see unfold. I've been very grateful to see some of my thoughts taken by the set designers. They've created something beyond my expectations." One hint: the musicians will not be in the pit, which will have "other uses."

With a large cast of extras bustling about, viewers may miss things, the director says, "but you can't slow it down. The tempo is what it is." The finale of the 2-hour, 45-minute play with one intermission will be memorable, the director says. "It starts very simple and grows and grows." The epilog, she calls "spiritual."

"I think our audiences are going to remember this show for a very long time," says publicist Patricia A. Ellis.

Les Misérables runs May 4, 8, 11, 15-18, 22-25 at the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Show times are 2 and 7 p.m. on Sundays and 8 p.m. all other evenings. Call (313) 881-4004 or visit www.gpt.org to order tickets or for more information. 



Clockwise from top, Doug Clark as Jean Valjean, Brian Jones as Javert; Jude Purcell as Enjolras, Jack Sanitate as Gavroche, Brian Jones as Javert; Nancy Ingles as Cosette, Joshua Coates as Marius, Meagen Mazur as Eponine; Doug Clark as Jean Valjean, Danielle Caralis as Fantine; Grace Knoche as Madame Thenardier, Kurt Bowen as Thenardier; creative set designers, Paula and Jacqueline DiSante; costume chairs, Jeanne and Anna Chrisman



Photos by Patricia Ellis

529 plans offer tax advantages

By Lina Bowman

For families who are saving and paying for education, federal tax breaks are a great way to ease the financial burden. A qualified tuition program (529 plan) is just one of the options. Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code established two types of qualified tuition savings programs: college savings plans and prepaid tuition plans. This article focuses on state-sponsored prepaid plans.

Contributions to prepaid plans are made with after-tax dollars. The earnings grow tax-deferred, and distributions are tax-free when used for qualified postsecondary education costs.

Estate planning advantages of 529 plans in the form of accelerated gifting can be a favorable way for grandparents to contribute to their grandchildren's education. Contributions qualify for the annual federal gift tax exclusion (\$14,000 in 2014). Under a special election, an individual can contribute up to five times the annual gift tax exclusion amount (\$70,000 per person in 2014 or \$140,000 for married couples) and deem the gift to be spread equally over five years to avoid gift tax.

529 prepaid tuition plans are treated as an asset of the account owner and reported on the federal financial aid application (just as 529 savings plans are). Parent-owned plans have minimal financial aid impact because they are assessed at a maximum rate of 5.64 percent. Plans owned by grandparents have no financial aid impact, as they are not required to be disclosed on the financial aid application.

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05 MONDAY

- 2014 Designers' Show House through May 18, 1007 Bishop Road, \$25, open Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun., 12-5 p.m.

06 TUESDAY

- Poetry Workshop with Kelly Fordon at Ewald Branch, also May 13, 6:45 p.m.
- Emergency Food Storage on a Budget at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$25, 7 p.m.

07 WEDNESDAY

- Bird Walk at the Ford House, \$7, 6 p.m.
- Italian La Primavera cooking class with Doug Cordier at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$48, must be at least 21 years old, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Cinco de Mayo Party at Services for Older Citizens, sponsored by McLaren Macomb Health Center, catered, entertainment, raffle, deadline for reservations is May 2, \$12, 11:30 a.m.
- Kentucky Derby Wine Tasting Event at Ardmore Park Place, \$65 per person, reservations required, food and beverage tastings, hat contest and best dressed derby gentleman contest, dress for the Kentucky Derby, 7-10 p.m.
- GPHS Pointes in History at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 7 p.m.

08 THURSDAY

- Bird Walk at the Ford House, \$7, 7:30 a.m.
- Used Book Sale at Woods Branch through May 10
- Horsepower, Men and Machines at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$25, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Kids on the Go Charity Bartending Night at Telly's Place, 7-9 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents *Les Miserables*, also May 11, 15-18, 22-25

09 FRIDAY

- Cinco de Mayo Party at Services for Older Citizens, sponsored by McLaren Macomb Health Center, catered, entertainment, raffle, deadline for reservations is May 2, \$12, 4 p.m.
- Author Reception by Grosse Pointe Public Library Foundation at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, featuring authors Dennis Lehane and Gloria Whelan, \$100, heavy hors d'oeuvres, open bar, book signing, valet parking
- Flower Sale on Woods City Hall front lawn, sponsored by the GPW Beautification Advisory

Commission and the GPN Parent's Club, 10 a.m. and Saturday, May 10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Grosse Pointe Park Merry Music Maker Pajama Party at Lavins Center Gymnasium, ages 2-8, \$12 per family, 7-8 p.m.

10 SATURDAY

- Books on the Lake Luncheon at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club with Dennis Lehane, Gloria Whelan and Rhoda Janzen, \$35, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Garden Discovery Days: Flower Power, ages 4-8, \$10 per non-member child, \$8 per child member, adults free with child, 10 a.m.
- Izzy's Second Saturday at the Provencal-Weir House, create wind chimes, ages 6 and up, \$20 per non-member, \$15 per member, 1-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open House at Provencal-Weir House, 1-4 p.m.
- 26th Annual Paint the Windows Contest in the Village, open to Grosse Pointe students (public or private) grades K-5, advanced registration required, 9 a.m.
- 2014 Pooch Parade in the Village, sponsored by Camp Bow Wow and PetPeople, families wishing to march with their pets (leashed dogs only) must report to the flag pole at corner of Kercheval and St. Clair before 4:30 p.m., best dressed dog will receive prize, parade begins at 4:30 p.m.
- Signing Story Time at Peet's Coffee & Tea, drop in for songs, rhymes and stories, 10 a.m.
- Action Auction 2014, "Fête des Amis - Together We Flourish" at Grosse Pointe Academy, \$200 ticket includes online, silent and live auctions, cocktails, dinner and Club Action Auction), 5 p.m.

11 SUNDAY - Mother's Day

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Mother's Day Brunch, \$36 for adult tour and brunch, \$20 for child tour and brunch, \$28 for adult brunch only, \$15 for child brunch only, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.
- Marchiori's Mother's Day Brunch Buffet, prepaid reservations only, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- A Mother's Day to Remember at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Brunch in the Ballroom, \$26, \$12 ages 8 and under, reservations required by May 8, 10:30 a.m. seating and 1:30 p.m. seating
- A Mother's Day to Remember at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Dinner in the Alger House, 4-course meal, \$45, reservations required by May 8, 5:30 p.m.

12 MONDAY

- Meet Representative Alberta Tinsley Talabi at Jungle Juice Bar, 8:30 a.m.
- Henry Ford Lecture: His Life and Times, at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$25, 7-8:30 p.m.

13 TUESDAY

- GPPL Family Movie Night in Woods Program Room, 6:30 p.m.

14 WEDNESDAY

- Asteroids, Near Earth Objects and Meteorites at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$25, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Bordeaux at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, must be 21, weather permitting, class will be held outside on the Terrace, \$45, 7-9 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe South Band & Orchestra Spring Concert & Senior Showcase at Brownell Middle School, \$15 for adults, \$5 for students and children, 7 p.m.

15 THURSDAY

- Fontbonne Auxiliary Girls Night Out at Assumption Cultural Center, charity gambling, door prizes, raffles, strolling dinner, \$75, 6-10 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe South Pointe Players presents "One Acts" at South, through May 17, 7-9 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Sunset in the Garden, \$7, 8-9:30 p.m.
- Come Dine With Us! in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Crystal Ballroom, \$19.95, bring your own wine, also May 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 6:30 p.m.

16 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe North Choir presents Pops and Broadway Spring Concert at North PAC, also May 17, 7-9 p.m.
- 26th Annual Great Lakes Boating Festival at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, through Sunday, May 18

17 SATURDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$13 for members, \$15 for nonmembers, 11 a.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Night Creatures, discover Michigan's native nocturnal animals, \$8 for child member, \$10 for child nonmember, 10 a.m.
- Relay for Life at Lake Front Park, 10 a.m.

- Grosse Pointe Park Perennial Plant Exchange at Windmill Pointe Park, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

18 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Foundation, Opening of new landscape at Neff Park, 3-6 p.m.

20 TUESDAY

- Business Before Hours at Metro Detroit ReStores, 8-9 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Public Library Tuesday Night at the Movies in Woods Program Room, 6 p.m.

21 WEDNESDAY

- Essential Knife Skills for Everyone at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, bring 6 or 8-inch chef knife, cutting board and apron, \$43, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- North Outdoor Concert, 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Ice Cream Social, registration required at Community Center, 2 p.m.
- MSU Alumni Club of Eastern Wayne County hosts DSO and entertainment by MSU Wharton Center for fundraiser at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 6:30 p.m.

24 SATURDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Camp Constellation, \$12 per child member, \$15 per nonmember child, build your own telescope, bring blankets and chairs, adults free with children, ages 8-14, 8 p.m.
- West Park Farmers Market opens, 9 a.m.

26 MONDAY - Memorial Day

- Memorial Day Service at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 10 a.m.
- Meet Representative Alberta Tinsley Talabi at McDonald's on Mack Ave., 6 p.m.

27 TUESDAY

- North Instrumental Music Banquet at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 6:15 p.m.

29 THURSDAY

- Rotary hosts Cruise for a Cause on the Infinity, includes dinner, drinks, dancing, \$150 per person, 6:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe South Choir on Broadway at North PAC, through May 31, 7-9 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Starry, Starry Date Night, members \$25, nonmembers

\$30, sample wine and hors d'oeuvres while gazing up at the night sky and enjoying light music. Use telescopes or lounge by the fire pit, bring blankets or chairs, 9-11 p.m.

- Christ Church Grosse Pointe 30th Annual CCGP Antiques Show preview party and silent auction, ticket required, 7-10 p.m.

30 FRIDAY

- Christ Church Grosse Pointe 30th Annual CCGP Antiques Show, \$10, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

31 SATURDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Garden Discovery Days: Creepy Crawlers, bug safari through the gardens and grounds, build your own bug habitat for your backyard, \$8 for child member, \$10 for child nonmember, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Public Library Author Visit, Doug Wilson, *The Bird: The Life and Legacy of Mark Fidrych*, in Ewald Program Room, 1 p.m.
- Christ Church Grosse Pointe 30th Annual CCGP Antiques Show, \$10, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

June

01 SUNDAY

- Farmers Market at Woods City Hall, every Sunday in June, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Christ Church Grosse Pointe 30th Annual CCGP Antiques Show, \$10, 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

05 THURSDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Sunset in the Garden, \$7, 8-9:30 p.m.
- Music on the Plaza in the Village, 7 p.m., for full line up see page 32

06 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe North presents "One Acts" at North PAC, 7-9 p.m.

07 SATURDAY

- Wheel 'n' Deal Flea Market at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$13 for members, \$15 for nonmembers, also June 21, 11 a.m.

14 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open

House at Provencal-Weir House, 1-4 p.m.

- Signing Story Time at Peet's Coffee and Tea, drop in for songs, rhymes and stories, free, 10 a.m.
- After 6 on Kercheval "Summer Party" between Maryland and Beaconsfield, enjoy live music, hair and fashion show, mechanical surfboard, caricature artists, local food vendors, Atwater Brewery's Biergarten, high top tables, 6-10 p.m.

15 SUNDAY - Father's Day

- 27th Annual EyesOn Design and opening of Women Who Motor Exhibit at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

17 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 5:30 p.m.

18 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Summer Gala at 70 Vendome, call (313) 884-7010 for tickets, 7 p.m.

26 THURSDAY

- Special Kids 2014 dinner and auction at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, \$50 per person, RSVP by June 19, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.

27 FRIDAY

- Summer Sing and Sign at Rotary Tot Lot with G.P. Mompreneurs, sing, dance and sign, 10 a.m.

28 SATURDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Fairy Tale Festival, 10 a.m.
- Pregnancy Aid's Riverboat Cruise aboard the Diamond Jack riverboat, \$50, dinner, beer, wine, to purchase tickets visit pregnancyaid.com, boarding at Stroh's River Place, 6:45 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Farms Regatta, Fireworks & Concert at Pier Park, free, 7-9:45 p.m.

29 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods 4th of July fireworks at Parcels Field



Want to have fun by doing good? Mark your calendars for May 29, and join your friends on the yacht, "Infinity," for "Cruise for a Cause." Hosted by Grosse Pointe Rotary, "Cruise for a Cause" will benefit the children's charities that are such an important part of Rotary's annual giving, in our surrounding communities and beyond.

The Infinity is a 117 ft. state-of-the-art yacht designed to deliver the ultimate in comfort, entertainment and attention to detail while sailing beautiful Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. Guests on the Rotary Cruise will board at Jefferson Beach Marina at 6:30 p.m. for a set-sail time of 7 p.m. – just in time for a magnificent sunset. During the two-hour trip, guests will enjoy a gourmet strolling dinner, full premium bar and dancing under the stars. The Cruise planning committee promises it will be a night to remember.

Founded in 1937 as a branch of Rotary International, Grosse Pointe Rotary is a strong, participative membership of men and women giving of their time, talent and treasury in innovative ways to enhance the living environment of the



Grosse Pointes, the surrounding communities, and the world at large. The charities supported by "Cruise for a Cause" include youth service initiatives, Youth Exchange, Coats for Kids, youth entrepreneurial projects, literacy initiatives and scholarships for local youths.

Grosse Pointe Rotary President, Paul Rentenbach, says, "We are pretty excited about this event. It's our largest fundraiser this year. Our children's charities focus on the need that exists very close to home as well as in places around the world. Rotary's guiding principle is 'service beyond self' and we are hoping that others will join us in reaching out to the thousands of kids who need our help." He adds, "The Infinity is incredible and sailing on our beautiful Lake St. Clair on a spring night is something everyone should experience."

Tickets for "Cruise for a Cause" are \$150 per person. Reservations may be made on the Grosse Pointe Rotary website, www.grossepointerotary.org or by contacting Yolanda Turner, (313) 886.8007 or yolichas@comcast.net.

Sponsorships are also available. For more information, contact John Kronner at (313) 590-6121.

After 6 on Kercheval

The After 6 on Kercheval events for 2014 begin on Saturday, June 14, with a "Summer Themed Party"! The event will take place on Kercheval Avenue between Maryland and Beaconsfield from 6-10 p.m.

Nick Kuhl and the Gang will be the musical entertainment for the evening at the soundstage at Beaconsfield and Kercheval. Do By Hair will participate in the event with a hair and fashion show during the band's intermissions. Fashions will be provided by the Wayne State University Fashion Design Department, and Specialite de Bridal, a bridal designer, will also be presenting in the fashion show, which will take place on the walkway set up outside Do By's store.

Attractions include a mechanical surfboard to challenge your surfing skills while the board is rotating and moving up and down and a River Rush Log Slammer, where you need to duck or jump to get out of the way of a swinging log while maintaining your balance on a pedestal. If that's too much for you, just sit down and have your face drawn by our resident caricaturist!

The Ray Laethem dealership will be bringing four summer fun vehicles for you to ogle at and wish you had one for "your ride" this summer.

Area restaurants, such as Park Grill, Antonio's, Red Crown, Cabbage Patch Café, Sunrise Sunset Saloon, Chocolate Bar Café, Blue Bay and Blue Pointe, will line the street, along with food trucks from Beignets and Shimmy Shack, The Pierogi Gals, Janet and her Polish food, Joe's BBQ, Carmel Corn and Lemonade.

Atwater Brewery's Biergarten in the Park will also be open with its own micro-brewed beer and food menu. Hi-top tables will line the street along with tables and chairs for you to sit and enjoy your food.

This outdoor family fun event consisting of food, beverages and music is being sponsored by the City of Grosse Pointe Park along with Beaumont Hospital, Talmer Bank and Trust, edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, Christian Financial Credit Union and Buffalo Wild Wings.

Don't miss the other two After 6 on Kercheval events:

- Saturday, July 12, "Sports Evening" with special guests Detroit Lions running back Joiique Bell and 1980 Olympian "Miracle on Ice" Mark Wells. Both of these Michigan athletes will sign autographs and have photo opportunities from 7-9 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 9, "Country Western Evening" with a square dance caller and mechanical bull. Wear your cowboy hats and boots and come for an evening of hooting and hollering!

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