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Dr. Frank Bicknell Lectures 2011-2012

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 7:30 p.m.

*Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Road,
Grosse Pointe Farms*

Mike Davis presents a program relating to his latest book, *The St. Clair River*. This river is one of the world's greatest natural waterways and a key link in the Great Lakes. This book covers the area's recorded history from the 17th century to the present.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011 7:30 p.m.

*Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Road,
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Jack Dempsey presents a program relating to his new book, *Michigan and the Civil War: A Great and Bloody Sacrifice*, in recognition of the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War in which Michigan lost over 14,000 residents. On May 16, 1861, only a month after the war began members of the First Michigan Regiment marched into Washington, D.C. The arrival of the regiment, the first from a western state, was met with jubilation and they were invited to an audience with President Lincoln. It was then, popular lore has it, the President exclaimed, "Thank God for Michigan."

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011 7:30 p.m.

*Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Road,
Grosse Pointe Farms*

Anthony J. Yanik presents a program relating to his latest book *The Fall and Recapture of Detroit in the War of 1812: In Defense of William Hull*, just in time for the bicentennial of the opening campaign of the War of 1812 in Detroit, a location the War Department considered one of the significant launching points for the invasion of Canada. Detroit's surrender only two months after the declaration of war shocked the nation and led to the court-martial of Brigadier General William Hull. Hull was sentenced to death – the only commanding general ever to receive such a sentence in U.S. military history. Yanik's book exams and reconsiders Hull's abrupt surrender and the general's defense that the decision was based on sound humanitarian grounds.

MARCH 21, 2012 7:30 p.m.

*Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Road,
Grosse Pointe Farms*

Jim Conway, Grosse Pointer and Site Manager of Detroit's Historic Fort Wayne, presents a program entitled *A Hidden History: the Story of Springwells in Southwest Detroit* relating to the section of the City of Detroit formerly known as Springwells Twp. (site of historic Fort Wayne) and its connections with Native Americans for more than 1,000 years. From the ancient Woodland Indians to the French and British colonial-era villages to the War of 1812, a chain of significant events occurred in this area that Conway will explain in vivid detail.

APRIL 18, 2012 7:30 p.m.

*Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Road,
Grosse Pointe Farms*

Detroit Free Press reporters Joe Grimm and Katherine Yung present a program relating to their latest book, *Coney Detroit* (to be published in March 2012), that explains why Detroit became the world capital for Coney Island hot dogs. The story begins with Greek immigrants selling hot dogs from carts and develops into hundreds of Detroit area restaurants run by people of many nationalities. The book explains why Coney Islands, which have deep roots in many places, found favor in Detroit as they have nowhere else in the world. The authors will discuss the families and individuals that stand behind the counters, and are often the owners, and the pride they take in serving up Metro Detroit's favorite food.

MAY 16, 2012 7:30 p.m.

*Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road,
Grosse Pointe Shores*

Mike Hauser, Marketing Manager at the Detroit Opera House presents a program relating to his latest book, *Remembering Hudson's: The Grand Dame of Detroit Retailing*, co-authored with Marianne Weldon. The J. L. Hudson Company redefined the way people in our area shopped and enjoyed leisure time. Many in Metro Detroit share memories of great times spent shopping and enjoying spectacular events sponsored by Hudson's. A solid and lofty icon built by businesspeople who believed in their passion, Hudson's defined Detroit's downtown, creating trends and traditions in consumer culture that still resonate nationwide. Additionally, it should be noted that company founder, Joseph L. Hudson was Eleanor Clay Ford's uncle and Eleanor and Edsel Ford were married in his home on November 1, 1916.

*Enjoy dinner in the Cotswold Café prior to this lecture.
Reservations encouraged, 313-884-4222.*