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"All the news that's fit to hoot"

# THE TWILIGHT OWL

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## LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS...

### Mama's Boy Burgers

Grand Opening May 30

6067 Main St (former Smiley's)

Tel: 589-MOMS (6667)

[www.mamasboycatskills.com](http://www.mamasboycatskills.com)

Burgers, dogs, rings and fries,  
veggie options and salads,  
AND .... a wide variety of locally made  
ice cream and frozen custards in over 30 flavors

### Hudson Chatham Winery

*Grand opening: July 4*

6036 Main Street (former Village Candle Shop)

<http://www.hudsonchathamwinery.com>

### Wellness RX

*First week of May*

5980 Main Street

The Astor House

Tel: 589-9500

Filling prescriptions and offering OTC products,  
Natural Products Center, health co-op and training  
center for pharmacy students.

### Amy's Takeaway

Located in Lanesville

Tel: 845-688-9759

Open Sat – Wed; 3-6pm for soup pickups

Catering available

[www.amystakeaway.com](http://www.amystakeaway.com)

Mama's Boy Burgers, Wellness RX and Amy's Takeaway  
have been added to the Business List on the back of the calendar.

## SAVE THE DATES ...

**July 4** – Board Cocktail Party & Dinner Dance

**July 10** – Tri Park Cocktail Party

**July 18** – Youth Program Dinner & Show

**August 1** – All Angels Benefit

**August 9** – Art Show

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## ALL ANGELS NEWS...

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### THE WOMEN'S AUXILARY OF THE MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ALL ANGELS IS DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THE 2015 BENEFIT!

We have an exceptional event planned for **Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>** commencing at the Clubhouse and ending at host cottages for a very special meal.

Starting at the Clubhouse at 5:30 p.m. at a reception, You will be served appetizers with the opportunity to donate for cocktails, which will be accompanied by our own Twilight singers in an unusual format of eclectic musical styles for a fun precursor to the very special meal.

The bar will close at 6:45 p.m. and people will then go to their host's cottage for dinner.

Every dinner at every host cottage is an identical meal, the main course prepared by your aspiring Julia Child Auxiliary members.

The charge for all of the above, reception, entertainment and a full meal will only be \$45 per person. The meal will be Boeuf Ragout, Haricots Verdes Almandine, Baked Potatoes and Salad. Dinner will be followed by dessert.

Anyone with nut allergies or special needs will be accommodated (just let us know ahead of time).

WE WILL HAVE A SIGN UP FLYER IN YOUR BOX SOON!

### "Step Right Up"

This year's 2015 Auxiliary Benefit has a somewhat raucous theme...

We are asking that all songsters, songstresses, musicians, singers, hummers, tappers and those who

just love music to contact SHEILA WEBER at (518) 589-6158 to volunteer your talents to the program. Sheila is working with Greg Dayton to put together a combination open mike scheduled event that will have everyone tapping their toes!



### 2015 ALL ANGELS ALTAR FLOWERS AND LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

June 28	Haik
July 5	Martocci
July 12	Swanson
July 19	FitzGerald
July 26	Handte
August 2	Spitko/MacGahan

August 9	Underwood
August 16	Tarnowski
August 23	Weber
August 30	Smith
September 6	Hulse

Thank you for volunteering to provide altar flowers and Lemonade on the Lawn for All Angels Church for the 2015 season. A suggestion for your lemonade offering: along with the delectable sweets, lemonade and iced tea, it would be appreciated if you could also have alternatives such as pretzels, deviled eggs, crudites, cheese and crackers and seltzer (not all of them, just a choice other than cookies/pastries and sweetened drinks).



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## CAMP NEWS...

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Here are a few of the Camp highlights and lots of links...

Check out counselors bios on the website – Caroline Sade, Lindsay Watson, Samantha Leopoldo, Lindsay Watson, Robbie Barker, Olivia Wandres, J Jasper, Aidan Gibbons and Amanda Jones.

**New ones always arriving !!!**

Now that I have Registered my child... what do I do next? This part is easy also... go to [The Link to on-line Health form](#) and [The Link to on line Parent Releases & Contact Info](#) for the on-line Health and Parent Release forms. And don't forget those immunization records!

**Mountaintop Friends-** We are happy to report that we are extending an invitation to join Twilight Park Day Camp for Weeks 4-8 to families outside of the tri parks. Space is limited so we recommend doing this very soon so they can get the week they want.

**Teen Leadership Programs-** This program is for our mature 12 year olds- 14 year olds and we do currently have a few spaces in all weeks left and the program is open to any Teen living locally or visiting the area. Lots of hiking, overnights, trips, service projects and leadership skills. We strongly recommend signing up for two weeks to get full value from this program.

[Here is the Link to Camp and Teen Programs Brochure](#)

[Here is the Link for on-line Registration](#)

*If you have done the online registration you should receive confirmation letter from Amanda Fletcher our Registration Coordinator. If not, contact her please at [amanda.fletcher@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.fletcher@gmail.com)*

**The Great Toy Sort-** Was very successful and you can already see a big difference. Take a peak. A Big Camper Thank you to all that helped: [Teri Barrett](#), [Amanda Bentley](#), [Allyson Morilla](#), [Patricia Ferris](#), and [Clover Graves](#). And also a special thank you to all the Twilighters who stopped by with words of encouragement. The toys worthy of a new home are on shelf in front of Camp House. They will be donated shortly but are currently available if you need something.

**Gift Registry-** Couldn't come and help physically on Saturday but want to contribute? Teri and Amanda have set up a gift registry to buy new storage bins, clean rugs for the floor, beanbag chairs and some replacements for the toys that did not survive the purge. They have added things to the registry now that they completed the Toy sort.. [Link to Gift Registry for Camp House](#). The link should take you right to the camp Amazon Baby registry (if you look it up, the First name is Twilight and Last name is Park). You will pick the mailing address to Teri Barrett - Camp Supplies, it will go directly to the Camp.

**Used Electronic Equipment for Camp-** The camp is also seeking gently used items you may have lying around the house unused, please consider donating them to the Twilight Park Camp! Especially looking for... iPads, digital cameras and flat screen TV.

**Furniture & Pictures for Ash Cottage-** Concurrently we are trying to bring a little Twilight and Mountaintop character to the Ash Cottage. We use the downstairs as the Camp Office and hold meetings for staff and parents there. Here are some things that we could use: Dining Room/ meeting table, desk, sofa and chairs, pictures of local interest or appropriate for Camp. Contact [Sarah Post](#) if you have a donation for Ash Cottage or the Camp.

*The Camp is now officially a "not for profit" camp and has filed the paperwork to become tax exempt. We will provide receipts for any donations and will let you know when (if) the tax exemption is granted.*

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## HOW I CAME TO TWILIGHT SERIES...

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### How I Got to Twilight by Mary Johnston Douglass

My great grandparents, Walter and Maisie Mehl, owned what is now the Kliegle house in Elka Park. It is a legend and is also in the Elka Park book of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary that Walter's bachelor brother won the house in a poker game and gave it to Walter as he had six children. My grandparents Elfrieda Mehl and Jim Corvan met in Elka. I don't know how an Irish family ended up in Elka but they did. My great uncle, Jerry Corvan, also married an Eka Park girl. My mother spent her childhood and teen years in Elka for the summer. I believe the family home was sold in the late 1920's.

When I was three years old we rented a farmhouse outside of Elka Park from Lizzie Curran, Sean Byrne's aunt but used the facilities at the club. We made the leap the following year to Sunset Park renting one house and my great grandma Mehl renting with other family members two houses across the street. I was allowed to go and have dessert across the street as my great grandmother had a marvelous German cook. Finally made it to Twilight the following year, renting what is now the Clare Cottage. My two great

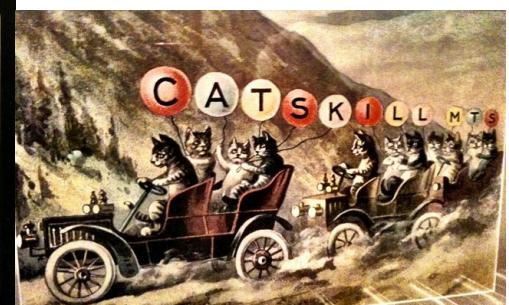
grandmothers summered at the Squirrel Inn across the street. I went to camp at Gollywog, which is the Kaukonen cottage. Chardie Hay came in the middle of the summer and for show and tell at camp he bought his pug dog.

We continued to rent for many years, mainly the Dorshimer cottage now the Huyck cottage, finally becoming full-fledged members in the early 1950's when my parents bought the Gravenhorst cottage, now the Gordon cottage. In the early 1980's we made the move from the third level to the first to our present location of 34 Ledge End Rd.

During my life time I have lived many places – NYC, Westchester County, England, NJ, NY state, and in Massachusetts- Cohasset, Beacon Hill, Cape Cod and presently Milton. Twilight always remained the constant in my life. Although there have been many changes over the year it is still basically the same place that I came to many years ago.

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### A Few Vintage Postcards of the "Catskill Mountain Cats"...



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## A SHORT STORY...

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### Buttermilk Falls

*By Katie Cummings*

It was August 1961 and the Goings family was off to Twilight Park in the Catskills Mountains for their annual summer vacation. It was a long trip from Long Island...or at least it seemed that way to the Goings' girls (and surely to the parents of three restless girls). But the view was spectacular as they drove up the Rip Van Winkle Trail (Route 23A). There was even one curve on the road where you could look up to your left and see the houses of Twilight Park off in the distance. Around another bend and straight ahead the spectacular Kaaterskill Falls came into view. Then they were almost there. Matie and her sisters couldn't wait...they knew how much fun it would be. They had no inkling that this summer would be the last time (at least for many years) that the Goings family visited this idyllic spot...but don't worry this is not the end of the story by any stretch of the imagination.

When we last heard from Matie, she and her friend, Cee Cee, had learned a valuable lesson on friendship or at least one on making sure you don't throw worms at a kid that runs home crying. If you remember Matie (and you now know that her last name is Goings), she is a middle child, one of three beautiful girls, and in the summer of 1961 was 10 years old.

Kara, the older sister, was a tomboy, although having just turned 13 that summer was caught between two worlds. She was a teenager but still preferred to play games and sports...except for those increasing times when her hormones were kicking in (if you know what I mean). One day she would be dressed in worn shorts and a dirty tee shirt carrying a mitt and a bat and the next she was wearing lipstick and fussing with her hair. Matie particularly dreaded those latter days as she could never get in the bathroom.

Sissy, the baby of the family, was 8....always sweet but definitely knew how to manipulate those adults. So sensitive...she would cry if she stepped on an ant.

Matie was only a year ahead of Sissy in school but often had to play her big sister role...although she wasn't beyond tormenting poor Sissy on occasion. Who wouldn't when all it took to get Sissy crying was to throw her beloved stuffed sock monkey out the window...over and over again. I'm sure there was a life lesson there somewhere that Matie (with CeeCee of course) should have learned. But some things are just too easy...and Matie figured it might even toughen the kid up!

Matie's childhood was blissfully uncomplicated and full of wonderful experiences. (At least nothing too traumatic happened, as she only needed to spend a few years on a psychiatrist's couch in later years.) No doubt, some of the most special times were those summer days in the Catskills. The Goings family stayed in a large, old inn overlooking a gorge surrounded by mountains and where one could see for miles. Santa Cruz Inn was in the beautiful summer community of Twilight Park. Twilight Park was a magical place...you even had to cross over a waterfall just to enter the park. There were the most unique cottages and another inn (Ledge Edge Inn) built along the side of the mountain. There were so many wonderful things to see and do.

There were plenty of other children in Twilight Park...but none vacationed at either of the inns like the Goings girls. The other children lived with their families in the cottages and stayed all summer. That left Matie, Kara, and Sissy as the "outsiders" to the other kids. Any place else this might have been a problem but the Goings girls not only had each other...there were a slew of older relatives (grandparents, great uncles and aunts, and cousins too) to dote on them. The actual relationship of many of these older folks was lost on the girls but they didn't shy from the attention. Aunt Hazel (only indirectly related by marriage) always offered them sourball candy so who cared how (or if) she was related. And best of all they had the magic of Twilight Park and the Catskills to experience.

Matie, Kara, and Sissy would get up in the morning before their parents (hey...it was their vacation too) and have breakfast with their great-Uncle Wally. Uncle Wally and his wife, Daisy, had no children of their own and they adored the girls (plus Aunt Daisy made the best almond cookies). After breakfast, the girls might be off to the tennis courts to take a lesson. Some days they just explored Twilight Park or visited their Aunt Mary at her cottage. In past years, the girls had gone to the Twilight day camp...but in 1961, Kara was older and the girls were allowed to be more on their own. (Actually, if truth be known...the girls' parents were probably avoiding another year of sparkly candleholders made in the camp's art and craft time.)

When the Goings girls got back to Santa Cruz, their mother would be up (and hopefully had her coffee) so it was often off to the pool with her for a late morning swim. Then back to Santa Cruz for lunch (the pool was only a short walk away). The afternoon might include a trip with their Dad to the Catskill Game Farm or canoeing over at the lake at Onteora. On rainy days, Santa Cruz had many games and puzzles to keep the girls entertained.

The girls enjoyed the nights as well. Every evening started with a cocktail party in their parents'

room. There were always plenty of snacks and their Dad made them delicious "Shirley Temple" cocktails. The girls felt so grown-up, they were all dressed up and no one scooted them out of the room to allow for adult conversation. After the cocktail party, everyone went down to Ledge End Inn for dinner. Ledge End Inn was full of "older" ladies (and the girls' grandparents stayed there) that were always fussing over Kara, Matie, and Sissy. The Goings girls were normally on their best behavior but honestly they could have gotten away with just about anything during those dinners!

Matie's mother was a true Twilighter. She had spent her childhood summers in various cottages in the park and she knew many special stories about Twilight. One story was about Rip Van Winkle and his secret sleeping spot at Buttermilk Falls. For years, the girls had heard about the beauty of Buttermilk Falls but not even their mother could find it for them. Although, according to Matie's Dad...you had to hike quite a piece; well past the King and Queens' bath tubs that were all the way up on the third level of Twilight (and way past Aunt Mary's cottage).

So one night, Matie and Kara decided that this would be the summer that they would strike off on their own to find Buttermilk Falls.....

## ***LOOK FOR PART 2 IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE TWILIGHT OWL***

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Editor's Note:

Would love to hear from more Twilighters about how they came to the Park.  
Don't forget to submit.

And if you have attended a park event and have pictures feel free to forward for inclusion!

Thanks to everyone.

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Submissions may be edited.  
**Deadline for Issue 3 is JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> !!**





## RECYCLING GUIDELINES

**Recycling is mandatory in Greene County!  
PLEASE SEPARATE YOUR RECYCLABLES  
and prepare them for collection as  
follows:**

- Glass bottles and jars: clean, with metal and plastic neck bands removed
- Metal cans: clean
- Plastic bottles: clean, with caps and metal rings removed. Only soft plastic with recycling number 1, 2, 3, or 5.

***Use see-through bags for the above  
items. The driver must be able  
to see what is in the bag***

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- Newspapers: tie with cotton twine or put into brown paper bags. Glossy supplements and telephone books can be included.
  - Magazines, catalogs, glossy paper: tied with twine
  - Office paper, envelopes, junk mail: separated into brown bags
  - Corrugated cardboard: flattened and bound. No waxed cardboard or pieces larger than 3' x 3'.
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**Mountain Top Library**  
(518) 589-5707  
[www.mountaintoplibrary.org](http://www.mountaintoplibrary.org)  
Mon – Fri: 10 am – 7 pm  
Sat: 10am – 2 pm; Sun: Closed

**Adirondack Trailways Bus  
Schedule**  
Check the website  
[www.trailwaysny.com](http://www.trailwaysny.com)

Appliances, car batteries, tires and other items should be taken to the Hunter Transfer Station on Hylan Road. Check out <http://greenegovernment.com/departments/solid-waste/services/accepted-waste/> for what is accepted.

Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri, Sat: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm  
Sun: 8:00 am – 3:30 pm  
Wed: CLOSED

### GARBAGE PICK-UP

Tuesday pickup: May 19 - October 20nd  
Saturday pickup: June 27 - Sept 5

### Remember....

Consolidate smaller bags into larger ones as we are billed by the bag. Up to 40 gal bags are \$2, larger bags are \$4. Multiple tall kitchen bags will fit into a 40 gal bag!

**Trash Drop Off:** If you need to dispose of smelly trash before a scheduled pick up day, there is a bear-proof receptacle behind the club house.

