

## TWILIGHT PARK

THE  
Snowy Owl

THE OFF-SEASON REPORT FOR TWILIDIANS WHO GIVE A HOOT.

**T**he sun is bright, the snow is everywhere and it is 30 degrees in Twilight. Just beautiful and serene. Nathan and crew have done their usual terrific job of keeping the roads open. I wish all could enjoy it as we do. This winter of abundant snow has brought many Twilight kids to the park. Terrific.

The board has been working on several projects relative to our safe water supply and disposal systems. These, such as the well and cleaning of the pits, must wait until spring to be completed. We will have completed

a new contract for the use of the club house in the next few weeks.

As to the cell tower we are continuing to gather information.

The AT&T people will be coming to the park so we can address our concerns to them and ask any questions we might have. We would like everyone in our community to have an understanding of the project and express their opinions.

On another front we have applied for and received our copyright. This will give us control over who can use the Twilight Park name. The board has decided to keep the copyright in force in the U.S.A. only although the Czech Republic and Bosnia have each sent bills of \$2,700 to extend the privilege to their countries. We expect others.

Peace and happiness to all.

Until we meet again,  
Allan Lans

PRESIDENT'S  
LETTER

CELL TOWER  
MEETING TO BE  
HELD ON  
MEMORIAL DAY  
WEEKEND.

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IN MEMORIAM

## WALSER JANEWAY

1917 - 2011

Walser Janeway died on February 8th after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease just after his 94th birthday. He left us quietly Tuesday at noon after bidding farewell to his beloved wife Ann and treasured dog, Jag.

Walser was born February 1, 1917 on Staten Island, NY to Dr. William Richard Janeway and Carolyn Rodman Janeway. He was educated at South Kent School and Princeton University. He left college to pursue work and was soon inducted into the Army Air Force flight school. He flew many missions from Foggia, Italy, returning home after WW II to raise his family of four boys as an Air Force then Pratt & Whitney Aircraft employee. He loved his friends and family and his Twilight Park summers.

A time of remembrance and celebration is being planned for August in Twilight Park.

*Whitney Janeway*

## LIZZIE O'DONNELL

1952 - 2011

Lizzie O'Donnell died on Monday, Jan. 17, 2011 at the Ft. Wayne, Indiana hospice after a long and valiant battle against breast cancer and other life-threatening challenges that arose advantageously after the first strike by the Emperor of All Maladies.

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*Lizzie & Jimmy O'Donnell in Utah, 2009.*





Skunk tree, *Sterculia foetida*

**T**HANKS to everyone who sent news items, articles and photos for publication in THE SNOWY OWL. And to all readers, thank you for your patience with the late arrival of this issue. Production was delayed due to the unexpected influx of website and print projects at Emmerich Young Studio. Our clients' deadlines, reasonable or not, trumped all volunteer activities. Finally, I'm back to work on this newsletter and

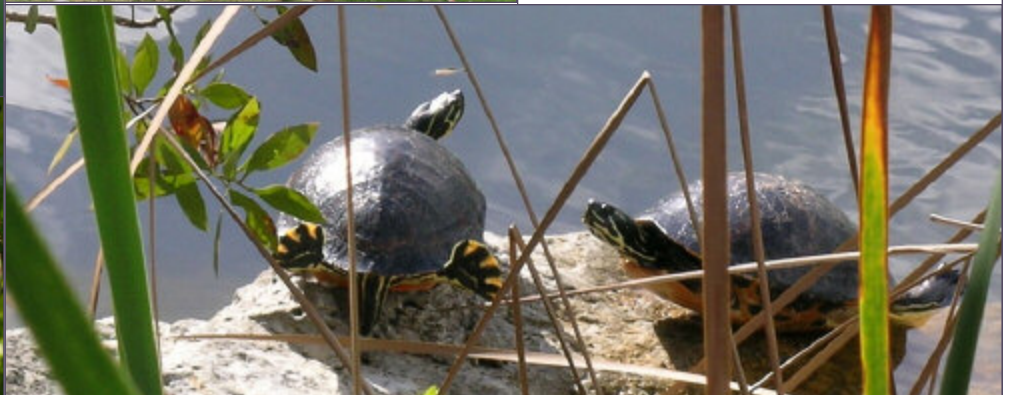
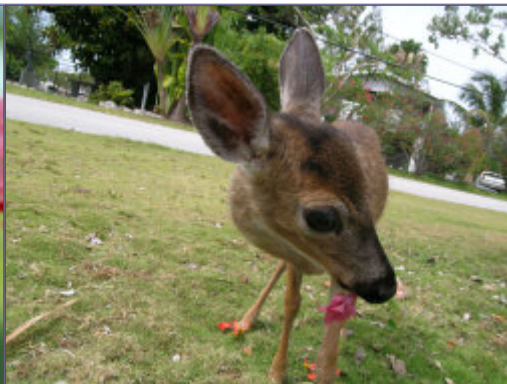
*proceeding with my plan to escape to Big Pine Key for most of April.*

*No, Jim and I are not ready to leave Manhattan behind, as many have asked. But I'd like to share a few photos of why we're drawn to the Lower Keys aside from the obvious: warm weather that's more like Cuba's than Miami's. One less appealing aspect is shown in the photo at left—a neighbor's alien-pod tree that proved difficult to identify, and arouses lots of questions and comments from neighbors. On that note, I wonder how Twilidians reacted when the first telephone poles and electric wires were erected. Did they embrace them or ignore them as we do now? And how will cottagers regard cell towers and other oddities in the next decades? In any case, I expect to be enjoying the mist rolling up the clove and back out with the sun—the lovely long summer days in our imperfect paradise.*

*E.T. Emmerich  
snowyowl@eystudio-nyc.com*

Clockwise: *Hibiscus schizopetalus*, Key deer eating bouganvillea blossoms, Turtles sunning, Growing mangoes.

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## CELL TOWER

### Dear Cottagers,

We, Twilight Park, were approached by AT&T with the proposal that they erect a cell tower on our property. This came at a time when the board was searching for new sources of income. The board unanimously voted to explore the possibility. And we have. As part of this process an attorney was hired to help us understand what would be involved. That lawyer, respected in the field and referred by several sources was paid, I believe, \$2,000 which would be recouped if the tower were to be erected.

The board has been neutral on the subject, neither advocating nor dismissing. We feel that this is an issue that should be brought to all cottagers. Based on the response of all members of the community an appropriate and wise decision could be made. No commitments have been made. No other actions have been taken.

Again, the board remains neutral on this topic. No matter how else it has been portrayed we are trying to carry forth with the best interests of the entire community. It would have been irresponsible on the board's part to not bring this matter to the entire community to consider.

On the day of our Memorial Day picnic there will be a MEETING in the clubhouse where we invite all to come and ask questions, voice concerns, express opinions.

*Respectfully, Allan*

## The All Angels Auxiliary and Vestry

The Auxiliary met on Labor Day weekend 2010 to plan for Season 2011. We are very excited about our 2011 benefit scheduled for August 6 at the club house!

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was celebrated on Sunday, December 26, 2010. Once again, the service proved to be a delightful success! A number of those attending shared in the readings telling the birth of Jesus Christ, and each reading was followed by carols sung by everyone. Thank you to all who attended and participated, to the Elder family for hosting the service and to Barbara Swanson for leading the service.

### 2011 SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, May 28, 5:30 p.m.

Annual "Kick off the Season" cocktail party at the rectory, back by popular demand, hosted by the All Angels Vestry and Auxiliary. All Twilights and their house guests are invited.

#### Sunday, May 29, 11:30 a.m.

All Angels Auxiliary meeting at the rectory. Light working lunch and refreshments will be provided as we roll up our sleeves and dig into our plans for the season. We have a busy year ahead of us and an exciting benefit to plan for August 6!

#### Sunday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday services begin for the season and continue every Sunday through Sept. 4. The Vestry will be announcing our visiting ministers in the All Angels newsletter. We will continue our new tradition of "Lemonade on the Lawn" following the service. Our first Lemonade Social will be after the June 26 service. All are welcome whether you attended the service or are just passing by on your morning run! Please join us for light refreshments on the church lawn before you return to your homes. In case of rain, the Lemonade Social will be held at the pool house.

#### Saturday P.M., August 6 at the Club House MOTOWN CABARET!


Ingredients for a fun evening: Fun, food, and fellowship. All three are guaranteed

### LIZZIE O'DONNELL

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Never one to traffic in self pity or despair, she fought her enemy bravely and then turned her attention to her family who loved her, to a group of friends large enough to pack out a land area the size of Romania, and to her faith in a loving, able and ever-present God. In the aftermath of her own first experience in hospice in 1996 (which, miraculously, she exited after a heart transplant), she became a very active hospice volunteer and, in addition, started a ministry to hurting and sick people.

Lizzie loved beauty and created it with abandon everywhere she went. She loved Twilight, too, and lived wallowing in its beauty during her summers from the time of her marriage, in 1971, in Elka Park, to Jimmy O'Donnell, until selling their home to Brenda Swords in 1997. Jimmy had been the tennis pro for many summers; Lizzie and Jimmy ran the Twilight Park day camp for years. Their first child, Nick, was born while they were full-time residents of Twilight from 1974 to 1977. During that time, both Lizzie and Jimmy taught at the Hunter-Tannersville Central School.

Many Twilights followed Lizzie's journey after her terminal diagnosis in July, 2010, and wished her well through the website [www.prayersforlizzie.com](http://www.prayersforlizzie.com). A number of Twilights flew to Huntington, Indiana, to honor her in death. There are many who remember the jewel Lizzie was. She was the very best of women, one who may be equaled but never surpassed. 

*James M. O'Donnell*


when our resident talent takes to the stage to perform favorites from the Motor City sound! More details will follow in the THE OWL, as well as the web site, postings in your mailboxes and on the marquee. Save the date—you are guaranteed to have a wonderful time!

There's still time to be a part of the show! The cast is assembling as we speak, and those Twilights who want to strut their stuff on stage should contact Mack Elder at (917) 940-0935. 

*Karen Hulse*

### ACTIVITIES

## 2011 Tennis Season Plans

Darren will be back this summer! He will arrive around June 20th and will leave around Labor Day. Please email [scott.graves@mac.com](mailto:scott.graves@mac.com) if you have any suggestions so that we can continue to grow our great program. Anything is welcome, tournament ideas, function ideas. As always, our goal is to have all four courts open by Memorial Day. Let's pray for no rain! 


*Scott Graves  
Tennis Committee*



## NOTICE FROM *The Dog Warden to Renters, Cottagers & Guests*

Although you and I may be best friends—your dog and my dog are not. Please keep your dog on a leash! Always.

You may think your dog is cute and cuddly—our kids think it's terrifying when it barks at them or growls, and rightly so. The CDC estimates that 5 million people are bitten by a dog in the US each year requiring medical attention. More than half are children.

Please pick up your dog's poop. If it's deposited on the road or near a cottage, someone will step in it. 





## Community Supported Agriculture Group Now Forming

Are you interested in being part of a new Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) group for Twilight, Onteora and Elka Parks? Please email me at [scott.graves@mac.com](mailto:scott.graves@mac.com). And tell your friends at Onteora and Elka. We need between 25 and 30 people to make this work. So far we have six families. Join us! Enjoy a variety of ultra-fresh, organic produce at a great price, including many items unavailable at local markets.

Help reduce the packaging and distribution waste that deplete the Earth's resources and contribute to pollution. Bring your food source closer to home and help narrow the gap between consumers and farmers. Enjoy the bounty from Memorial Day to Labor Day, delivered to us Saturday mornings.

### Who is Lucky Dog Farm?

Lucky Dog Farm in Hamden, NY is owned and operated by Richard and Holley Giles. They've participated in community supported agriculture for 11 years. In addition to our CSA program, Lucky Dog Farm sells retail at the Pakatakan farmers' market near Margaretville, the Callicoon farmers' market, and the Cooperstown farmers' market. Their goal is to provide high quality, nutritious, organic produce for their community and to make an honest living for their family.

### How much does it cost?

Vegetable shares are \$520 for five months of the best vegetables in the world, at a wholesale price. Add \$100 for an egg share



Scott Graves  
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Lucky Dog Farm

amaranth arugula asparagus basil beets broccoli  
broccoli rabe brussels sprouts cabbage carrots  
cauliflower celery cilantro collards cranberry beans dill  
edamame soybeans escarole flowers frisee endive garlic  
garlic scapes green beans kale leeks lettuce mint onions  
parsley potatoes purple beans radishes salad mix  
scallions shell peas sorrel spinach summer squash  
swiss chard tomatoes turnips winter squash yellow  
beans and more...

## 2011 Twilight Calendar

Thank you to those people who are always so punctual with their calendar entries.

**The 2011 Twilight Park calendar goes to press on May 18, and the deadline for entries is May 11.** So far we have Art Show, All Angels and Twelka Cup schedules for 2011. The information needed (dates, times, and locations) is listed below. It's not too early to start planning the community events for the summer!

- \* Tennis matches
- \* Camp events
- \* Swim meet
- \* Golf
- \* LingerNot hikes
- \* Tri-park party
- \* Drop-in dinners
- \* Garden club events
- \* Lists of renters, the dates they are renting and which cottage(s)
- \* Contact information (both at the park and at home) for new cottage owners

The water on/off and pool open/close dates are from Nathan and he never needs reminding.

PRIVATE EVENTS: If you would like to plan a private event at the clubhouse, please contact Eleanor Alter to see when the clubhouse is free. Private events do not appear on the calendar.



Art Tressler and Bonnie MacKenzie



## Planning for 2011 Youth Activities Under Way

Along with all the snow this winter there has been a flurry of excitement and planning around the 2011 season of youth activities. Thanks to a large group of volunteers we have already made a great deal of progress in improving and expanding our program for Twilight and sister park kids. We are particularly excited to announce new programming for the older kids and teenagers in the Park.

The committee has been busy working on hiring staff and securing housing for staff, planning activities and fundraising opportunities, and developing a database of contact information for all children, parents and grandparents. Below is our mission statement as well as our 2011 goals:

### MISSION STATEMENT:

“Twilight Park Youth Activities” (TPYA) is the Twilight Park Cottagers board of directors committee responsible for planning, coordinating and implementing a variety of structured children’s activities/programs. Our mission is to provide a safe, nurturing, fun and learning environment for the children of Twilight Park and our sister parks that helps build a love and appreciation for our community and its heritage.

We support TPYA expenditures thru collection of participation fees and fund raising and the Twilight Park Cottagers (and the board) help provide facilities/equipment, adult volunteers and encouragement.

## Ariana & Penny to Hoot The Owl

We are all very grateful that Ariana and Penny Tadler will continue to edit and publish the THE OWL during the upcoming summer season! Please send your newsworthy items to:

Penny Tadler: [ptadler1@mac.com](mailto:ptadler1@mac.com)

Ariana Tadler: [dlpaterson@mac.com](mailto:dlpaterson@mac.com)



### ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2011

#### Playgroups/Activities Programs for Children 3-13

Managed by: professional head counselors, teenage senior/junior counselors and volunteers

Daily activities: tennis, arts and crafts, sports, games & swimming

Supplemental activities: cooking, nature, boating, acting, field trips, camping etc.—age-appropriate

#### Evening /Weekend Activities (multiple age groups)

Movie/games nights, ice cream socials, camp outs, scavenger hunts

#### Teenager Activities

Helping teens find “in park” summer activities/jobs and providing youth counselor training


Coordinating with teenagers to plan their own activities: scavenger hunts, overnight campouts, dances, hikes, field trips, games night, etc.

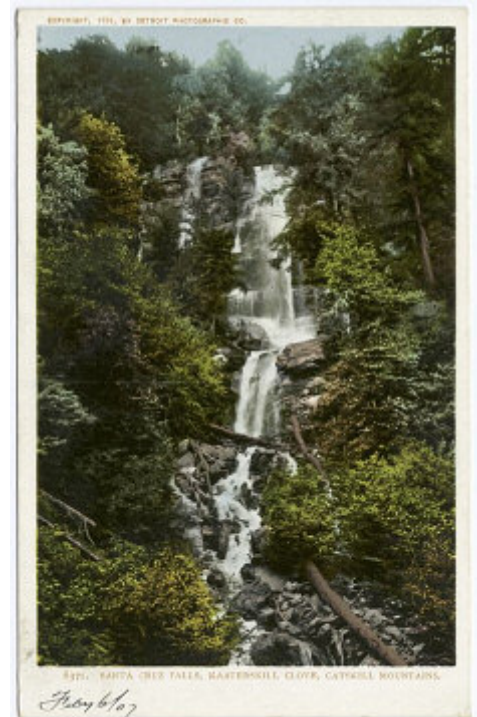
#### Community Service

Activities to improve the park or provide leadership to younger children (clearing trails, maintain/improving public area, junior counselors)

Fund raising to support TPYA activities and other needy causes


Special thanks to all committee members: Laura Clare, Terry Douglass, Melina & Britton Fisher, Amanda Fletcher, Scott Graves, Alyson Morilla Graves, Janis Handte, Laura Henson, Sarah Killough Dhar, Robin Kaukonen, Ellen Lasch, Anne Mack, Megan Marine, Janinne Maurer, Sarah Post, Rachel Roll, Judith Shulevitz, Teri Tsang Barrett, and Lisa Zabel.

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact one of these people. We have a lot of goals for 2011 and we could use all the help we can get! 



### HELP WANTED

#### Judith Shulevitz

I’m looking for an experienced, hands-on babysitter to work M-F, afternoons and some evenings, looking after two children: a boy who is 9, and a girl who is 7. This would involve keeping an eye on them as they roam around Twilight, hanging out at the pool with them, driving them to activities, on some days picking them up from various summer camps as far as 45 minutes away, and on some evenings cooking them dinner and putting them to bed. Must love nature and hiking and swimming, should be willing to run around and play some sports, must have driver’s license. 





## PARK NEWS

## Garden in Memory of Patricia Swallum Witham: A NOTE OF THANKS

Last summer a memorial garden was planted on top of the massive stone wall that supports Santa Cruz Road near the pool. It took three years to plan, fund, and complete.

It began with an offer from Bert Witham's four daughters (including Marsha Whitman and Jana Janeway) to sponsor a garden in memory of their mother, Patricia Swallum Witham. In time, the offer was presented to the board and accepted. Many people were involved in bringing the project to life and deserve thanks. Here's a partial list:

The four **Witham daughters** for their inspired idea and their generosity. **Nathan Hommel** whose handsome wall was the foundation for the project. **Marsha** and **Bert Whitman** who acted as liaison and patient collaborators. **Trista Shultes** and her crew

for preparing the bed with amendments and irrigation, recommending mountain-hardy plants, presenting design ideas and planting many of the shrubs and perennials.

**Maryellen Sullivan** for plant suggestions and advice.

**Aubrie Karl** for planting perennials and for careful maintenance. **Sandy Knapp** who made sure the new plants were watered (but not too wet).

**Nancy Murray** for sourcing hard-to-find evergreens at a professional's wholesale price.

**Jim Young** for continuous support in garden design, selecting and transporting plants, and for finding and siting the granite bird bath.

The memorial garden will continue to be maintained by an annual donation from the Witham family.



*Ellen Terry Emmerich  
Park Gardens*



*Site before...*



*Trista and crew during...*



*...After final planting (September)*

## Ping Pong: In Pursuit of the Twelka Cup

The finals of the ping pong tournament between Twilight Park and Elka Park in pursuit of the famed Twelka Cup will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2011 at 2:00 PM in the Elka Park Clubhouse. It is never too early to mark your calendars!

Refreshments will be served (provided free by the promoters). All Twilight Cottagers are cordially invited to attend the momentous battle of Mountain Top Pong Titans. The winning team gets their name inscribed on the vaunted Twelka Cup for posterity, along with the winning score, and enjoys the right to display the trophy for one year at their home Park for all the world to see. The bragging rights that accompany a victory are incalculable!

Please join your fellow Twilighters at the Elka Park Clubhouse on Sunday, August 7, 2011, at 2:00 PM. There will be great ping pong, lots of trash talking, and a surprise or two in store for attendees.



*John Gordon & Ellen Lasch  
Twelka Cup Co-Captains*





## PARK NEWS

## Twilight Cottagers Fire Reserve Fund Portfolio 2010 STATUS REPORT

On behalf of the Investment Subcommittee, I am pleased to provide the Twilight Cottagers Board of Directors with a status report on the performance of the Fire Reserve Fund Portfolio for calendar year 2010, and for the period since its inception on October 2, 1996.

The beginning of calendar year 2010 continued the strong equity rally begun in March, 2009 for almost five months, with a slight pause in February, then traded sideways through August. The domestic equity market then rallied almost continuously through year-end, with most stock indices approaching their yearly highs in late December. Fixed income markets enjoyed a reasonably good year, although longer term yields began ratcheting upward in the last quarter as the Federal Reserve instituted another "quantitative easing" initiative.

There are still many lingering effects from the recession of 2008 that remain unresolved, and as such the Investment Subcommittee remains cautiously postured going into 2011, with about 61% of assets allocated to the equity arena, and half of that allocated internationally. For calendar year 2010, all the major domestic and worldwide equity indices, and most fixed income benchmarks, were in positive territory, as noted below:

Dow Jones Industrial Average	+11.0%
Standard & Poors 500 Stock Index	+12.8%
NASDAQ Composite	+16.9%
MSCI World Equity Index	+9.55%
Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	+6.30%

The Fire Reserve Fund's value was \$628,015 at December 31, 2010, an increase of \$88,721, for a +16.5% annual gain. At year-end, equity mutual funds comprised 61.4 % of the Portfolio total assets under management, specialty funds comprised 8.9 %, and the remaining 29.7 % was invested in fixed income mutual funds and cash.

The primary goal of the Subcommittee in

managing the Fund remains preservation of capital. Consistent with that goal, our target has been to average a 10% annual return over time. The Fund has at this point in time achieved an average compounded annual return on investment of 14.2 % for its fourteen and one quarter years of existence, solidly above our annual target to-date. The Fund has earned \$417,811 from inception on October 2, 1996, for a total return from inception of 198.8 %. (Initial investment capital was \$210,204 as of 10/2/1996)

The Investment Subcommittee, composed of members Ron Peters, Skip Pratt, John Campbell and myself, continues to closely monitor portfolio holdings. We conduct periodic meetings, email exchanges and teleconferences to discuss the economy, the equity and fixed income markets, and our specific mutual fund positions. My fellow Subcommittee members have asked me once again to caution you that past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Respectfully submitted,

**John R. Gordon,**  
*Chairman, Investment Subcommittee*



### Find and Eradicate: *Japanese Knotweed*

Thanks to Deborah Dobski, Nathan Hommel and crew, the Japanese knotweed, (*Fallopia japonica*), considered an obnoxious invasive, has been largely eradicated from the golf course and other areas. This weed spreads through underground runners, especially near water, and is difficult to eliminate. It is not a useable food source for wildlife and will out-compete native plants with extreme speed.



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## Hummingbirds Will Return in May

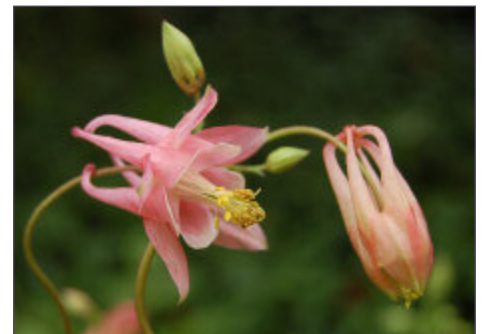
THE HUMMINGBIRDS return to Twilight in early May when few flowers are in bloom and insects are scarce. Offering the hummingbirds the right food early in the season not only helps them survive, it increases your chance of attracting them to your feeders. Although no bears have taken any interest in our feeders, it's important to hang them out of a bear's reach so they don't learn to associate your cottage with free eats.

*Clean the feeder at least once a week with a 10% bleach and water solution—not detergent—and rinse well.*

## Hummingbird Formula

4 CUPS WATER : 1 CUP SUGAR  
Stir together and heat to a simmer just until all the sugar dissolves. Cool.  
Store extra solution in the refrigerator.

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## WELCOME NEW COTTAGERS!

FROM *Elizabeth Kuhlenkamp*

We are the **YAN FAMILY** and we are unabashedly thrilled to have purchased the Mack cottage or *Impatiens*.

I have attached a photo of my husband and I when we met at West Point in February 1987. My husband is Roy Yan and I am Lizzy Kuhlenkamp. Roy is a graduate of West Point and I graduated from the Catholic University of America.

We have three daughters (see photo). From left to right, Ava age 6, Bettina age 7 and Lena age 3 (very soon to be 4). We had the pleasure of renting the Behlke and Barish-Sterret cottages in July 2009 and July 2010. Sarah Killough-Dhar and Sandy & Gren Gooder very graciously introduced us to the park. Our daughters have been together in pre-school with Uma and Savannah Dhar. We live in Manhattan during the winter. We love swimming at Twilight and we would like to spend more time playing tennis this summer. We hope to become more involved in the ongoing activities of the park. ♡



Ava, Bettina and Lena above. Below: Roy Yan & Lizzy Kuhlenkamp in 1987.

FROM *Ellen McGinnis*

We are David, Ellen, Anna and Patrick McGinnis, and we are the new owners of the *Chapel*. We live in Ruxton, MD, just outside Baltimore, where Anna, 13, is in 7th grade at the Calvert School, and Patrick, 10, is a 5th grader at The Odyssey School. Ellen practices finance law at Haynes and Boone LLP in Washington, DC, and David has a rheumatology practice near our home.

David began coming to Twilight Park in 1963, at age 3. His family rented the Smith cottage (now the Fitzgerald cottage), and at the end of that summer, his parents, John P. and Pauline McGinnis, bought *Treetops* on Santa Cruz Road. The house had been abandoned for years and had a big hole in it. After a lot of work, it became their summer cottage where David, his brother John O., and Pauline would spend the summer with his dad arriving for weekends and a month vacation. David and John O. were campers, then camp counselors, and avid tennis players. David is a swimmer, and recalled for our kids the summer he was going for the 50-mile mark and inevitably ended up doing laps in the rain to get the last few miles in on the last day before returning to NYC. In the early 70's, after the chapel was decommissioned and winterized as a home, the McGinnis family rented it for the winter to test how much they would go up to Twilight Park to ski. The experiment was successful because they winterized their own house and started using it for ski weekends. David and Nathan Hommel became friends, so David sometimes would stay with the Hommels for winter visits.

I first saw Twilight Park in the early 80's, when David and I were in college. On my first visit, in July, he had failed to tell me how cool it could get on the mountain and I had only lightweight summer clothes with me. I was frozen. But hooked. We would visit pretty regularly during the years we dated and then after we were married (1989), I fell in love with the place and people myself. And, I don't like hot weather, so summer in the mountains is perfect for me.

Our trips became less frequent when we moved to Dallas in 1989. Soon after we

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FROM *Teri Tsang Barrett*

We purchased *Brookside* in November 2010, just after our daughter Eva Grace was born. Needless to say, it was a very exciting month for us!



Teri Tsang Barrett, Casey Barrett and Eva Grace Barrett

We live in NYC during the winter—I am a food writer and Casey owns Imagine Swimming, a swim school in NYC. We were introduced to Twilight by our good friend David Swanson. David and I met about ten years ago, when we were both starting out in publishing as lowly editorial assistants. We were instant friends, and the same is true for Casey and David, who met through me a few years ago.

David had invited us up numerous times over the years, and in July 2006, we finally made it up and fell in love with the park instantly. We became frequent guests at the Swanson's and each trip simply cemented our urge to join the park ourselves. We love going for walks around the park with our beagle George (who our neighbors will hear soon enough!) and are looking forward to introducing Eva Grace to this daily ritual. We're also big fans of group dinners and marathon porch-sitting sessions. Everyone we've met in Twilight has been so pleasant and lovely—it's our perfect escape from the city. ♡







### FROM *Nora Galatti*

The Galatti's spent the Fall of 2010 winterizing the *Rock*. Little by little the house became warmer and the jug water on the counter turned to spring water from the sink. By Thanksgiving it was complete.

We spent our first holiday season on the mountaintop and enjoyed it very much. The entire family ventured out for some snow tubing at Windham on New Year's weekend. Chris enjoyed the thrill ride, Dannielle not so much. After our share of colds and ups and downs, we have prevailed and made it through the long, cold winter.

Chris and Dannielle will be turning three on March 27th. They have been attending play-school in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn for four hours a day and will continue school until May and then head to Twilight. Chris enjoys art and Y-bike riding. Dannielle enjoys swimming and scooter riding. They are both looking forward to attending Twilight youth activities and learning how to swim.

Sam, now 14, has had considerable hind leg weakness, but with regular exercise and massages from Mom she is coping and getting around. Everyone else is well and looking forward to a great spring.

*John, Nora, Chris, Dannielle, Big Nora & Sam* ♡



*Dannielle and Christopher enjoyed Christmas at The Rock.*

### FROM *Annie Braunstein*

The Braunsteins feel lucky to be sending our Snowy Owl news from the beautiful Abaco Islands in the Bahamas, where we are spending two glorious weeks away from the snow. We've weathered the strange, arctic winter fairly well, with a few cold-weather visits to Twilight to enjoy some sledding and fireplace gazing with our brave neighbors.

Charlie (5½-years-old) started kindergarten this fall, and his favorite subjects are art and gym. Daniel (who turned one in December) has a growing vocabulary and is starting to walk. He loves to sing and dance. Daniel had his signature strawberry mark removed in January, and Charlie had his tonsils removed in February, so we're traveling a bit more lightly these days.

After a year off from nutrition studies (to produce Daniel), Annie will start her dietetic internship program at New York-Presbyterian Hospital at the end of February. Despite the fact that this means weekends only in Twilight this summer, Annie is excited to get her new career moving. Tom has been taking tennis lessons and has been keeping his ping pong muscles warmed up by shoveling snow.

We all look forward to spring when we can re-open the cottage and return to the mountains. ♡



*Top: Charlie and Daniel Braunstein relax in the Bahamas in February.*

*Bottom: Charlie and Daniel in Twilight.*



**FROM Allin Tallmadge**

Zachary was called to active duty last fall. He was reassigned from the IRR unit in Long Island to the 443rd MP Co in Owning Mills, MD, a reserve unit in the 200th MP Brigade. He and Ryen, whom he married in May '10, shared the happy news that they are expecting in mid July '11. Zach was shipped to El Paso for training before Christmas and arrived in Afghanistan on Feb 12th with his company to operate the detention facility at Bagram airbase north of Kabul. He will be deployed for a year.

Alex was back in the States for two weeks of R&R in the middle of January. He spent five days in New Jersey with us before traveling to visit with the Colorado side of his family. It was great to see him. He is now back at his post at Shindand Airbase in western Afghanistan. He works with the 529th Combat Support Service Battalion (CSSB) that supplies and services forward operating bases in western and southern provinces.

Their mailing addresses are:

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TF CORNHUSKER  
443rd MP CO  
APO AE09354

SPC TALLMADGE, ALEXANDER  
183RD MAINT CO  
529 CSSB  
SHINDAND AB  
APO AE 09382

I'm sure they'd love a postcard or care package (FYI: mail takes 20 days).

The Tallmadge Cheese Market had a very successful Holiday season. After a horrid summer and fall we managed to end the year in the black. However, we are now in the winter doldrums and haven't been helped by the Snows of Yesteryear coming back this year. We can't wait to get back to Twilight and start settling in to our renovated cottage. We visited Larkalot after the blizzards to make sure the roof was holding. We started to dig through four foot drifts at the road, but gave up after a half hour and slid down on our shovels. There appeared to be three feet on the roof and a glacier blocking the lower level door but everything seemed tight.

*All the Best, Allin & Libby* 🐾

**FROM Ann Mack**

Warm wishes from the Mack Family!

We are down here in Florida enjoying the sunshine. We have lots of news! I've enclosed a picture of Hinckley, our new yellow lab. He is growing as fast as the boys. Sadly, Hinckley will not be joining us in Twilight this summer because he is too big to fly.

As many of you know, we decided to sell our cottage this fall. Long distance home ownership was taking a toll. We are excited to welcome the Yan family into our former cottage. We cannot wait to become renters this summer and all the years to come! We are not leaving the park, just trying to lessen our responsibilities. We decided that four kids and one puppy was enough?

This winter, Grace turned 9, and Charlotte turned 12. We celebrated by taking them to the new "Harry Potter World" which was pretty amazing. It was like being in the movie. Colby had a fall from the playground and had to have surgery on his elbow.

Tristan was a good caretaker of his twin brother. We've caught up with Anne's parents, Doug and Karen Hulse, in their home in Palm Beach and on the polo fields out in Wellington. We have done a bit of sailing and are now beginning a second floor addition to our Florida cottage. Finally, Anne and Colin get their own room! We cannot wait to see you all in July! Please give us a call if you are planning to escape from your winter hibernation! Florida awaits! 🐾



WHOO'S HOO

**FROM Britton Fisher**

Proud new parents, Britton and Melina, along with Grandparents, Elda, Jim and Emily are happy to announce the birth of Emerson Grace Fisher. Emerson was born January, 14th at St. Lukes-Roosevelt Hospital, New York City and weighed in at 6 lbs 13 oz. Everyone is happy and healthy. Emerson carries the nickname of BB, meaning Between Blizzards, and she looks forward to meeting her Twilight family, the pool parties, princess parties and tea parties to follow! 🐾

**FROM Whitney Janeway**

ANN AND WALSER JANEWAY

Mom is doing well, still in her Guilford home. Dad achieved 94 years although in a nursing home. A daily helper reads cards and letters to Mom, so keep the news coming. I read her emails that come to me, wjaneway@gmail.com, as well as THE SNOWY OWL news. We will plan for Mom to visit at Memorial Day again.

JANA AND WHITNEY JANEWAY

Our big news is RETIREMENT after 33 years at IBM for Whitney. We plan, *finally*, to be able to spend a full month in Twilight Park in August. Previous to that (June to mid-July), we plan a Baltic cruise (Dover to St. Petersburg and back) with a tack-on in London afterwards. Bert and Joyce Witham will be traveling with us.

Children are doing well with Julia teaching French, Jonathan farming in Storrs, CT and Marjorie choreographing everything in sight in Fairfield County. 🐾



**FROM *Sam Butt***

Samuel Butt and Leila El-Azem were married on September 25, 2010, in Fort Tryon Park, in Manhattan. Current and former *Twilighters* in attendance were the Emmerich-Youngs, the Murrys, the Morilla-Graves, the Sheridans (Bob, Judy, Peter and Joanna), and, briefly, Janis Handte, who happened to be jogging by in the park. The *New York Times* did an article on outdoor park weddings that featured their wedding and which was entitled, in turned out quite appropriately, "Vows in the Park? Expect Joggers."

The happy couple took a belated honeymoon in January, traveling to Puerto Rico, where they stayed in a refurbished convent in Old San Juan, took a day trip to the rain forest and kayaked through a narrow channel to a bioluminescent bay, and saw the sights in Old San Juan. 🍷

**FROM *Michele Lowrie***

I've been having a wonderful time in my sabbatical year in Konstanz along with my son Lucas Fagen and partner Paul Keyser. We're in a medieval town about an hour away from Zürich where the Rhine flows out of Lake Constance, so there is terrific biking, great hiking, marvelous year-round farmers' markets, and even swimming—at this time of year in the Thermal Baths, not the lake. On a good day, you can see the Alps. We're all improving in German, especially Lucas, who has made friends in school and is amused to be automatically popular as an American. We're looking forward to carnival, when the Fools liberate the kids from school and depose the Mayor. 🍷

**FROM *Ann Collins***

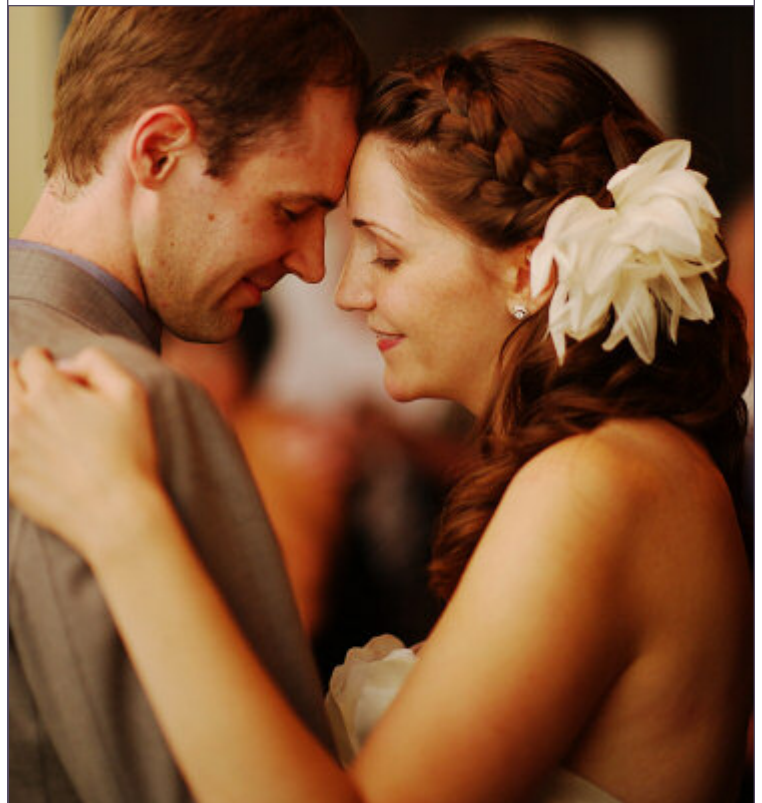
I want to thank all of you who were so caring and sent uplifting messages which so cheered me last August when I experienced an emergency hip revision at Hospital for Special Surgery. What an outstanding hospital (if you have to be in one)!

I am now thriving, enjoying my involvement in the Flinn Art Gallery in Greenwich, CT. Artists please look us up on our website and make an application to show with us. We have amazing record of selling art, and a varied group of professional talent putting the shows together.

I am gathering with a group of friends in Bonita Springs, FL in early March. I hope to get up to Maine when the snow melts up there. This summer, mid-July, our son Chris, who many of you remember, is getting married to Deborah Lynch Kirby in Portland, Oregon where they both live. Deborah is originally from Boston, and this is her second marriage. Chris will inherit two teenagers and one in college. Deborah is working in the environmental field. She married very young and just recently received her college degree. Chris has always loved *Twilight* and Deborah has visited and felt a natural feeling of tranquility, comfort and joy in the natural beauty surrounding us. I am so looking forward to summer in *Twilight*! 🍷



WHOO'S HOO



Top and middle: Sam Butt and Leila El-Azem.  
Bottom, left to right: Jim Young, ET Emmerich, Joe Butt, Nancy Murray, Dianne Butt, Ed Murray.

**FROM *Susie MacGahan*****New Year's Open House at Ledge End**

With great anticipation, a healthy dose of trepidation and a respectful nod to past hosts, a much enjoyed Twilight tradition was reinstated after a hiatus of over 5 years.

Over 30 hearty souls saw to it that 2011 was afforded a proper Twilight Park greeting at Ledge End with good food and drink, scintillating conversation and college football. Not knowing what or even who to expect on this occasion, each arrival was heralded and automatically enrolled into the Secret Society of Off Season Twilight Cottagers (or the SSOSTC; future meetings TBA). Those not able to be present were talked about—I mean missed! Certain individuals' excuses have been reviewed and accepted; absence forgiven, Barbie.

While the debate as to which season is the best to enjoy our mountain top rages on, it can be agreed that each one offers unique gifts and perspectives and must be experienced and celebrated. Twilight Park in winter is spectacular—ice covered waterfalls, snowshoeing on pristine snow, bear-free bird feeders, reach-out-and touch winter constellations, warm and relaxing evenings by the fire watching the snowfall—just waiting to be enjoyed.

So mark your calendars now to join us next January 1 or run the risk that we will be talking about YOU next New Year's Day. 🍷

**FROM *Mary Douglass***

I wish I had something exciting to report—like I won the lottery or I am taking a trip around the world. Instead, I am toughing it out in New England this winter.

Emma Douglass and her mom, Maryellen are doing a college tour over the February vacation and plan to stay with Sarah (Cummings) and Bob Post while they visit Lynchburg College to which Emma has been accepted. They are also planning to visit other colleges on their trip. 🍷

**FROM *Scott Graves***

The Graves-Morilla family is doing great! Since October we've been keeping busy with swim lessons, art classes, singing classes and ballet. Our goal is to have Clover swimming at Twilight this summer with no help and Marni will be right behind her.

We've seen a lot of baby Emerson along with Brit and Melina—neighbors at Twilight and neighbors in Brooklyn. We went to Sam Butt's amazing NYC wedding and are very excited for him and Leila!

Think about the influx of children in the park—amazing. Think about all the new girls. Dad's watch out, the girls of Ledge End Road are going to be a force! Clover is on hyperdrive, talking a mile a minute and is way into dancing. Every day is a fight because she only wants to wear ballerina outfits. It's hard putting a ballerina outfit on over a heavy winter coat...oh man!

As for Marni, she is going to be our athlete. Clover is always dominating her and Marni rolls with the punches. She is just starting with real food and teeth are coming in, but she is getting big. We think she'll be walking this summer!

Can't wait until May. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone. Alyson, Clover and Marni will be at Twilight all summer, and I'll be there on the weekends.

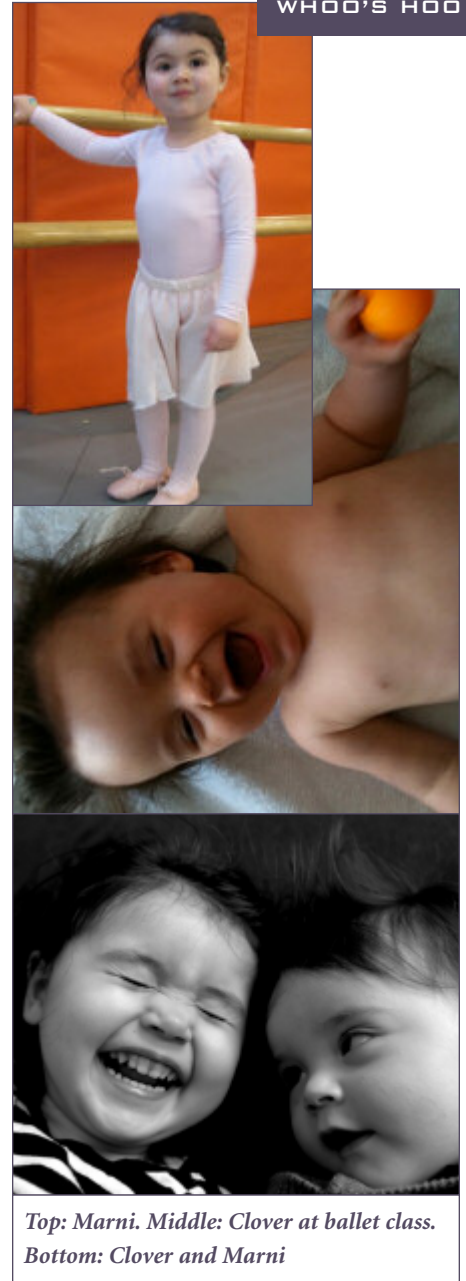
Hope to see you all soon.

Scott, Alyson, Clover & Marni 🍷

**FROM *Walker Swords***

Brenda fell on her kneecap at Alliance Francaise in NYC, two days before the trip she and Peter were scheduled to take to Paris to see their granddaughter Anjali. The kneecap was badly fractured and she had surgery to reassemble the pieces with screws and wires. No trip to Paris! Now, three months later, she's beginning to get out and around with crutches, doing physical therapy diligently and hoping to be able to walk on the first level at Twilight this summer. Peter has been doing a fantastic job of shopping, cooking, and cleaning! 🍷

WHOO'S HOO



Top: Marni. Middle: Clover at ballet class.  
Bottom: Clover and Marni



## WHO'S HOO

FROM *Dorothy Ault*

Dorothy Ault has moved to a local retirement community, Thornton Oaks, in Brunswick, Maine, with a lot of help from her family. Her new address is:

25 THORNTON WAY, #310  
BRUNSWICK, ME 04011

Her telephone number and email address will remain the same. ♡

FROM *Ellen McGinnis*

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returned to the East coast, in 1995, John and Pauline sold the house and moved to a summer place in Rhinebeck. In 2007, we decided to rent the Ault's cottage for two weeks. The kids loved the freedom, and each of them made new Twilight friends. They took tennis lessons and swam most days (one year Anna swam 10 miles to earn a Twilight Park Swim Club sweatshirt). We loved being back. We rented the Viana cottage in 2009 in August (complete with bear sightings!), and spent two weeks in the Ainsworth cottage last summer just as the *Chapel* went on sale.

By then, we knew we wanted our own cottage, and being far away in Baltimore, we wanted one we could use all year long. So we took the plunge—it helped that David was familiar with the house from that winter rental long ago!

The Davies accepted our bid in September, and then we went through what may be the longest closing saga in Twilight history, closing on the *Chapel* on February 1. We flew to Albany in a snowstorm, rented a little 4-wheel drive car to chug through the mountains to the closing and then to see the house again. It all worked out, and I had my first sight of Twilight Park in the snow—so beautiful. By the time you read this, we will have spent a long weekend at the house to ski with the kids and a friend for each of them. We'll be back in March for a week of getting to know the house and put our imprint on it, then we'll figure out our summer plans.

We are elated to be official Cottagers at last, and very much look forward to spending many years with family and friends in Twilight Park. ♡

FROM *Sarah Post*

CUMMINGS, POST, HENSON

This past fall was extremely difficult with the passing of Tom (Papatom) Cummings on October 13th at his home in Vero Beach. We all miss him greatly. **The family is planning a celebration of his life on Sunday, July 3rd, at the Twilight Park Club House and all are welcome.**

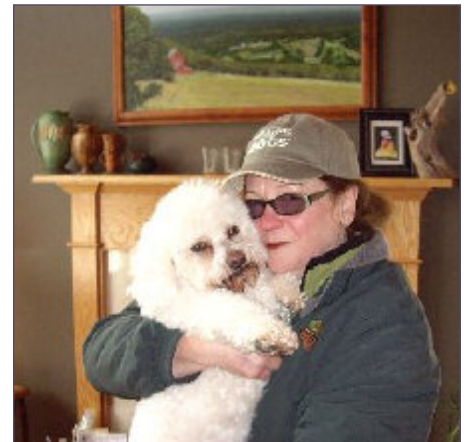
The Hensons and Posts spent Christmas in Virginia, and after Santa's visit we got the traditional cute picture of Sarah, Emma and Carter Henson. The New Year's visit to Vero Beach allowed for our normal assortment of family fun feeding the dogs, fish, cows; swimming, biking, beaching and an exciting air-boat ride in the Florida swamps. Note the motley crew. We also brought a little Twilight to Ohio when we visited with the Henson family. Note the lovely purple owl PJs on Sarah, Laura and Emma Henson, Christine and Katie Cummings, and Sarah Post. ♡



*Front two rows the Henson's: Emma, Carter, Sarah, Laura and Christopher. Third row: Sarah Post and Katie Cummings. Back row: Carol Cummings and Christine Cummings.*

FROM *Nancy Murray*

Chandler, a seven-year-old puppy-mill dog who lived all his life in a cage, was fostered by Ed and Nancy Murray through Small Paws Rescue. In January, Nancy and Ed took Chandler to appear on *Fox and Friends* where he was spotted by a retired couple from Brooklyn who instantly fell in love with him and adopted him. This makes Chandler the fourth bichon fostered by Nancy and Ed and later matched with a forever home through Small Paws Rescue. ♡



*Nancy Murray with Chandler, a Bichon Frise she fostered through Small Paws Rescue.*

FROM *Bruce & Gracia Dayton*

Gracia and Bruce Dayton and Flicka are in Vero Beach, FL until around April 7th when they undertake the drive back to Lexington. The Dayton's had lunch with Carol Cummings and visited many Williams and Skidmore friends. On the way down they managed to get robbed in Brunswick, GA and upon arriving in Vero they were informed by Heather that they, like the Butts, were having leaks in the roof of their Lexington dwelling created by the massive amounts of snow in the Boston area.

Heather, Dave and Tommy Wilson along with Noa took advantage of the Vero sun in mid February for a five day visit.

Jon and Hendy's youngest, Jackson, was met in Orlando and transported to Fort Pierce for pre-season baseball practice for the Deerfield Academy team. Jackson is recovering from a broken left arm received during hockey practice early in the season. ♡