



THE SNOWY OWL

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



IN MEMORIAM

Reverend Alice Hamilton Davies

The Reverend Alice Hamilton Davies, RN, BS, M. Div, A.P.C. of Brunswick, Maine and Twilight Park, Haines Falls, N.Y. died Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 at Maine Medical Center. Her husband of almost 62 years, Dr. Dean F. Davies, predeceased her on March 17, 2008. She is survived by her children, David Hamilton Davies of Wiscasset, Nancy Fletcher Davies of Northampton, MA, Susan Davies and her husband, David Halliwell of Clinton, ME and Beth (Davies) Young and her husband, Russell E. Young of Chelsea, ME. Her grandchildren, Christie, David, Caleb and Morgan Young and Stephanie (Young) Audet, and Benjamin and Briana Halliwell will miss her deeply, as will the family of Don Le and his wife Nga and their sons, Van and Don. Don Le became a member of the Davies extended family in 1975, having been sponsored by

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It has been a good winter at Twilight, with no major weather emergencies. Shortly after the park closed for the season, the solar panels were installed on the pool house roof, and the board believes that this forward-looking move brought propane prices back to 2005 levels. As this was going on, a new wooden deck was installed on the pool house porch. The new deck is raised, and will be flush with the interior floor. Snow and cold interrupted the final touches on both jobs, but they will be completed by May.

Another project which we hope will be complete by the new season's opening is the removal of the old iron water tanks on Indian Trail Road. This is now possible because the "fire lines" have been extended to those tanks, meaning that water from the reservoir can be accessed through the lines, rendering the tanks unnecessary. The board contemplates establishing fenced and raised garden beds in that spot,

available at a modest rent to those who don't get enough light, or who can't keep the deer and woodchucks out. If the plan is popular, it will be expanded.

We have hired an archivist for the summer. Hillary Matlin is a recent graduate of Pratt's Master in Library and Information Science program with a concentration in archiving. Her work for us will be to organize all of our records, minutes and memorabilia

and to create a structure whereby specific information can be found. Ultimately, we

would like to have at least some of the information scanned onto discs, for easy storage and retrieval. Hillary has agreed to make several presentations of her findings during the course of her time with us. She will be staying in the Ash Tree Cottage, attached to the club house.

I will leave it at that, except to say that Nathan continues to do a great job, and that Rick Manix reports that our financial situation is healthy. See you in the Spring!

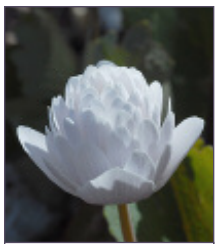
Joe Keiffer

PRESIDENT'S
LETTER



fter the deep freeze we skipped our weekend visits to Twilight. Our life in the city is easy—no snow to shovel, no fires to stoke, all of the amenities, none of the hardships. Still, I missed the frigid crunchy steps to the woodpile, filling the feeder for the vigilant chickadees who are the first to locate seeds and announce their discovery to the tribe: nuthatches, titmice, pine siskinds... And I missed the gravitational pull of the wood-burning stove, its complement of half-read books, in-progress art projects, and the rewarding business of cooking on the wood stove.

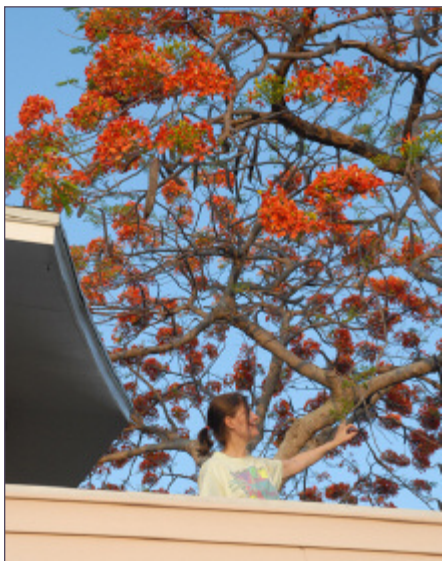
Instead, we spent most of the winter right here on West 71st Street. Jim and I managed to fit in a couple of short visits to Big Pine Key (30 miles north of Key West). Conchs call Big Pine “paradise” and we call it “Twilight South”. It’s a perpetually-warm Twilight where our garden never sleeps—something is always in bloom. No waiting



Double bloodroot
Sanguinaria canadensis
f. *multiplex*

for the first precious hints of a Twilight spring: the double bloodroots, the robins calling and nesting like our neighbors opening up their cottages for another season.

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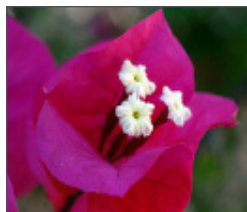


A NOTE FROM Nathan Hommel

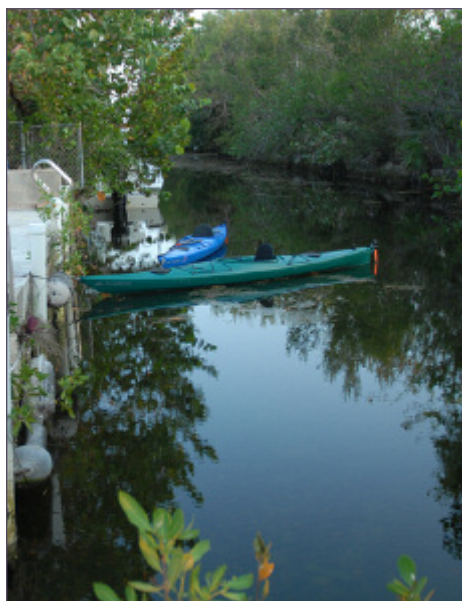
This winter has been consistently cold and snowy, but also beautiful and peaceful. Spring however, promises to be fairly hectic, finishing projects that were stopped by winter’s early arrival. I’m hoping everyone will enjoy the new pool deck and patio area. I think it will be a big improvement.

My family and I are doing well and enjoying the winter. As you may have heard, my mother had a pacemaker installed in December and is feeling great and seems to have more energy to keep up with her busy schedule. My father has fully recovered from a bout with pneumonia and has been helping me with some things around the clubhouse. ❀

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Clockwise —
Big Pine Key pix:
Bouganvillea flower,
Endangered Key deer
with ETE., Kayaks in
mangrove-canal,
Royal Poinciana tree
(*Delonix regia*)



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March is For the Birds

March is a long lean month for wildlife. The summer season’s crop of seeds, berries, insects and larvae are gobbled up during the winter months and these natural foods aren’t replenished until the following summer. Twilights know that the early biters, the blackflies, wait until May to appear. Studies show that birds get about 75 percent of their daily food from the wild even when bird-feeder food is available. So feeding the birds in March will make life a little easier for them, and under severe conditions may save them from starvation. Also, the birds will respond more readily to a feeder set out in March than at any other time of the year. Caution: An early thaw can rouse the denning black bears.

HUMMINGBIRDS return to Twilight in early May when snowfalls are a possibility, few flowers are in bloom and insects are in short supply.

Feeder formula: 4 cups water to 1 cup sugar, stir and bring to a boil until sugar dissolves. Clean the feeder at least once a week with very dilute bleach—no detergents—and rinse well.

Enjoy your tiny visitors! ❀



Reverend Alice Hamilton Davies

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Dean and Alice as a Vietnamese foster son. She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Herbert M. Hamilton, Jr. and Kay, of Marietta, GA.

Alice's lifelong calling has been to faith and ethical issues in health and medical settings, advocacy for equal access to health care, and education in lay ministry, ministries of healing and end-of-life pastoral care. She will be remembered in the Bath-Brunswick area for her inspired and devoted service as a United Church of Christ chaplain and pastor, having served: as chaplain to the CHANS Hospice, on the board of Mid-Coast Volunteer Hospice, as minister for Parish Life at First Parish Church in Brunswick, and as chair of the Brunswick Area Interfaith Council. Alice was active in the reorganization of the Pastoral Care Dept. at Mid-Coast Hospital; and was a member of Witness of Life Committee of the Maine UCC Conference. For six years Alice served the UCC National Entity as a member and vice president of its Health and Welfare Coordinating Council.

Alice H. Davies was born in Englewood, New Jersey on March 18, 1921, to Esther and Herbert Mark Hamilton. She was awarded an R.N. and B.S. from the School of Nursing, Columbia University and served on the faculty of the School of Nursing shortly after graduation. She and Dean F. Davies were married on April 20th, 1946 when he was a medical resident at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. After working and raising young children in St Louis, MO and Tenafly, NJ, the Davies moved to Memphis where she received a BS in Public Health Administration from the University of Memphis and worked as the health director of the Memphis Head Start program. The City of Memphis recognized Alice for her role in organizing an interfaith and interracial volunteer service, the Johnson Auxiliary, for the City of Memphis Hospitals, which served the poor of Memphis who had been refused service at other hospitals. The Auxiliary continues, 33 years later, to serve.

Dean's work took them back to NYC in 1978, where they became active members of

the Riverside Church. Following a call to the ministry, she returned to school in 1984, and earned a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary. She became a full-time chaplain, organizing a new department of pastoral care at Wayne General Hospital, NJ.

Her life is best described by her own view of the Cross of Jesus Christ: "the upward shaft representing the believer's relationship to God through Christ, nourished and supported by prayer, meditation and study. The horizontal bar as one's connection with the world, motivated, energized, sustained and directed by the Holy Spirit." Her tireless energy, enthusiasm, and encouragement to others was evidence to all who knew her that she was, indeed, compelled by a power not her own. Throughout her life, she dedicated herself to answering the call of Jesus in Matthew 25, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me." She said, "I believe that God works through persons and that I am bound to be a servant by love, gratitude, and a God-given push or pull toward human beings in need."

Alice and Dean made their home in Maine in the summer of 1992 to be near their children and grandchildren, and to fulfill a lifetime longing to live near the ocean. They lived in Harpswell and moved to Brunswick in 2005. Most of all, Alice will be remembered for her untiring spirit, offering the gift of herself with undying love to her family, her friends and the greater community.

Services of remembrance and celebration will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the First Parish Church, 9 Cleaveland St., Brunswick, Maine.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Volunteers of Mid-Coast Maine, 45 Baribeau Drive, Brunswick, ME 04011, or to the Tedford Shelter, 49 Cumberland Street, Brunswick, ME 04011.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Brackett Funeral Home, 29 Federal Street, Brunswick. Condolences can be expressed online: www.brackettfuneralhome.com. ❀



Memorial Garden

The Board is very pleased to acknowledge the gift of a garden in memory of **Pat Witham**, wife of Bert Witham, who passed away in 2005. This gift is from her daughters: Jana Janeway, Brenda McGinn, Marsha Whitman and Tricia Davis. The garden will be planted in the stone bed by the road at the eastern end of the pool. The sisters will also help to maintain the garden in the future. The plantings are being planned by Terry Emmerich in conjunction with the Witham sisters, and it sounds like it will be a wonderful addition to our environment.



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The Board occasionally gets inquiries about donations of this kind and wishes to publish a few general guidelines. First of all, a proposed donation should be proposed to the board who will refer the proposal to whatever committee(s) might be relevant. We want to be sure that the proposed alteration is going to be welcome rather than a source of controversy. The principal questions the committees and board would ask would be: Does the proposed object or alteration benefit the park overall, and does it blend in aesthetically. We will also ask: Will it last for a substantial time, or does it add to the park's overhead? If the latter is the case, it is likely that funds to maintain it will be requested. All that said, the Board is always very pleased to hear ideas which lead to the improvement of our environment. ❀

Joe Keiffer

SWING INTO SUMMER

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, July 26, at 2:15 p.m. in the Elka Park Clubhouse. Yes, Twilighters, the Twelka Cup finals will be contested in July this year, after months of difficult negotiations! The date change benefits Twilight Park. We will leave it at that.

Refreshments will be provided free by the promoters. All Twilight cottagers are cordially invited to attend this 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 also 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, July 26, at 2:15 p.m. There will be great ping pong, lots of trash talking, and a surprise or two in store for attendees. ✨



Twelka Cup Co-Captains
John Gordon & Ellen Lasch

Drop-in Dinners: 2009

We are planning our monthly dinners for 2009 season, and hope to find some volunteers who love to cook! Or are willing to cook with assistance. Rick Manix is starting off on May 22 with his fabulous spaghetti supper. The following dates are available, and John Ainsworth is anxiously checking his email for your culinary contributions.

May 22 (Manix)

June 26

July 24

August 14

October 9

September 5: The Brooks BBQ and Family Dance Party with Nora Monaco and John Galatti in charge. ✨

John Ainsworth
jrainsworth@optonline.net

Greetings from Marilyn and Darren

Hello from sunny and warm Florida! We hope that everyone is doing well and looking forward to coming back to the peace and serenity of beautiful Twilight Park this summer. I will be arriving at Twilight around mid June. If you are willing to come take lessons those couple of weekends before the kids get out of school I could easily be enticed. I am looking forward to a great tennis season and Scott and I are always open to new ideas or suggestions that can improve the tennis program at Twilight.

It has been an exciting winter for Marilyn and me. Marilyn's son Harrison will start to attend University of Florida this summer. Marilyn's daughter Jenna is now attending medical school at American University in St. Maarten.

Please feel free to contact me at 772-538-9007 or e-mail me at dtrain524@aol.com if I can help you in any way. ✨

Darren Patlen



The Court Report

DARREN WILL BE BACK!

We are excited to have Darren Patlen back at Twilight for his fourth year as tennis professional. Clinics, tournaments and lessons will be offered similarly to last summer. Contact the tennis program at:

twilightparktennis@gmail.com.

Tennis on Memorial Day Weekend

For the third year in a row we are on schedule to be hitting tennis balls on or before Memorial Day weekend followed by a cook-out on the deck.



Who will hit this year's first ball? 2007 was Dave Maurer and Than Ferris. 2008 was Matt Roll and Jim Ault. Maybe it will be Clover, she's been practicing! ✨

Scott Graves



62nd Twilight Art Show

Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9
Show entries due: July 8

Something special during the show: a **Guided "walk thru"** on Saturday, August 8th from 4 – 5 p.m. led by Gracia Dayton, past president of the New England Watercolor Society. Cost: \$10.

Collage demonstration by Pratt Institute student Philip DePoala on Sunday, August 9th at 3:00pm ✨



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OWL ANGELS

The All Angels Auxiliary and Vestry

The Auxiliary met on Labor Day weekend 2008 to plan for Season 2009. We are excited about our 2009 benefit, "Beatles Cabaret" under the artistic direction of Jim Martocci! Jim will be reaching out to all Twilights to lend their voices, joyful souls and creative energy with this presentation which promises to be another memorable occasion.

The Nine Lessons and Carols Service, December 26, 2008 A first time event, the Nine Lessons and Carols service proved to be a delightful success! The service was led by Barbara Swanson. Several people shared in the readings telling the birth of Jesus Christ, and each reading was followed by carols sung by everyone. Many thanks to all who attended and participated, to the Elder family for hosting the service and to Barbara Swanson for producing a beautiful service leaflet which we plan to use for many years to come.

2009 SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 23, 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.

Sunday, May 24, 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. Before the meeting, please start the day at 10:00 a.m. at the columbarium helping with the gardening and general clean up. John Ainsworth is coordinating this effort and will appreciate any help you can provide. All are welcome!

Sunday, June 28, 10:30 a.m. Sunday services begin for the summer season and continue every Sunday through September 6. The vestry is adding a new dimension to our Sunday services with a social hour following our first service of the summer, "Lemonade on the Lawn." Our first "Lemonade" social will be after the June 28 service, and others will be announced month by month. All are welcome! After the benediction please join us or light refreshments on the church lawn

before you return to your homes. In case of rain, John and Joanne Ainsworth will host the Lemonade social at their cottage. The vestry will meet in the church following the Lemonade social on June 28.

Saturday evening, August 1 BEATLES CABARET! Yes, this is going to be so much fun that I am mentioning it again! Entertainment from the Beatles era starring Twilight's brightest stars combined with hors d'oeuvres and beverages—the trifecta of Twilight entertainment! Mark your calendars; this is an evening you will not want to miss! ✨

*Doug Hulse, Senior Warden
Karen Hulse, Auxiliary President*



Annual Benefit to be held Saturday, August 1st

I will be organizing and producing an evening cabaret, an event which has been successful (and a great deal of fun!) in years past. Mack Elder will supply the book, and Katrina Swanson Pulichene will serve as stage manager!

Theme for 2009: The Music of the Beatles

So first, we must:

- 1) Try to determine just how many Twilights aged 16 or older might be interested in participating in our Cabaret; and
- 2) Poll all those interested: Which Beatles tune are you drawn to—tunes you would like to perform individually or with other Twilights?

In this way, we can begin to envision the scope of the show, the flow, the number of singers, gather up sheet music, etc.

My home phone is (201) 848-9177 or simply email to jtrjim@optonline.net ! So please think about auditioning for the Twilight Cabaret! We need you. ✨

Jim Martocci



Alliaria petiolata
Garlic mustard

Invasion of the Garlic Mustard: Identify and Eradicate.

This plant can kill the eggs and caterpillars of butterflies. It is an invasive import that forms clumps and spreads around the park starting in early spring and throughout the growing season. ✨ *ETE*

How To Access the Twilight Park Website and Directory

www.twilightpark.com

Click here to log on from this PDF file.

Use the same **login ID** and **password** to enter the Twilight Website as you use to access the Twilight Directory.

The password and ID are different for each individual, so you must set them up through Nora Monaco or John Galatti.

Contact Nora or John by email at: support@twilightparkrock.com ✨

ETE

WHOO'S HOO

FROM *Leslie Rogers*

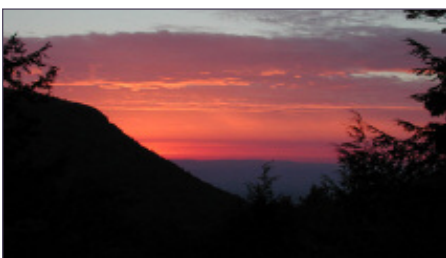
This has been a busy time for the Manix family. Jamie spent a semester abroad in Madrid, Spain. After spending most of August touring European countries and highlighted business ventures, James settled in at the Syracuse University campus in Madrid along with other students from the Martin J. Whitman School of Management. He took a full schedule of courses and had an internship at a wine distribution company where he developed a marketing study and plan. After returning for his junior year second semester at Syracuse, Jamie moved into his fraternity house (Sig Ep). He is continuing his job as a teaching assistant for freshman statistics.

Catherine has settled into life commuting from her apartment in Manhattan to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine where she does immunology research. She and her boyfriend, Jon, have adopted two kittens, Lucy and Sammy, into their household. They are experiencing the excitement of being in their 20s in NYC.

Rick completed his sailing adventure from Richmond, VA to Charleston, SC along the intercoastal waterway. In January, Rick joined his friends on a trip to Ottawa to cross country ski and ice skate and he'll join some of them this spring on a bare boat charter in Tortola, BVI to hone his sailing skills with the intention of skippering the family in the near future on our own adventure.

Leslie is enjoying her work at David Lerner Associates where she has established many new client relationships. As a result of her new business results, she and Rick will be on a company-sponsored trip to Aruba at the end of March. They look forward to scuba diving and relaxing together.

They continue to love their new digs and eagerly await the opening of Twilight! 🐾



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FROM *Alison Wedd*

Alison Wedd, daughter of Anne and Skip Pratt of Santa Cruz Inn, Twilight Park is raising yellow and snow white lab puppies: four males available now. Sold with the first week's food to assist in learning to feed puppy raw foods—so much easier than you'd think, comparable in price and enhances the puppy's immune system. 518-672-0082 🐾



Top: Chiara Wedd.
Above: Natasha Wedd.

FROM *Ashley (Pratt) Tarr*

Hello from San Marcos, CA. All is well out here as we work our way through the school year! Ashley is still homeschooling Emma who is currently in 7th grade. She loves to sing and act and is currently rehearsing for a spring production of *Annie* in which she is cast as the little orphan Annie. Granny (Annie) will be bringing two of Alison's children (Mary and Beatrice) to share the day. Emma likes science (especially the dissections!) and history, and is still an avid reader (fantasy and mystery, still the favorites).

Alex is a junior in the local high school and is starting his search for colleges. Yikes! He is interested in studying history and English, and might like to teach. He loves working with children and has enjoyed tutoring some of his classmates. He has started playing the bass guitar and is rockin' with our church youth group band every week. His favorite pastime right now is playing paintball at Camp Pendleton, where he gets to scrimmage with one of the semi-pro teams that practices there.

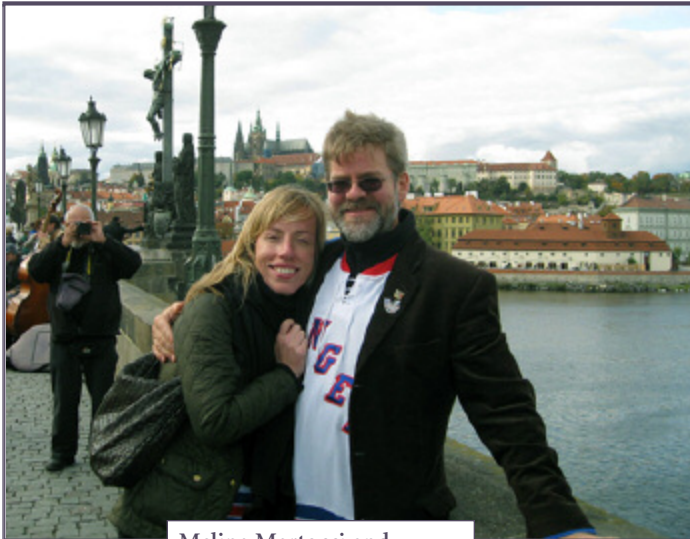
This past December Rich completed and successfully defended his computer science master's thesis, "Electric Vehicle Selection and Commute Range Modeling", which simulates how far an electric vehicle can go with a given battery. It has been quite a year. Unfortunately, we are not planning to go to Twilight this summer, but we would love to see anyone who comes out this way. 🐾

FROM *Joyce Lowrie*

Joyce Lowrie's book, *Mirrors in Texts—Texts in Mirrors*, was published by Rodopi. It's a book on mirrors in French literature. We spent three months in France, and came back just before Christmas. I had gone to present a paper at a conference in Salzburg.

Michele Lowrie has gone to give a paper at the University of Chicago, and will spend spring vacation in Vienna. We'll stay in her apartment near NYU while she's away. 🐾





Melina Martocci and
Britton Fisher in Prague

FROM *Britton Fisher*

Good news from Brooklyn and the first level. Melina Martocci and I are enjoying a shared life in Boerum Hill. Our winter has been great fun with many exciting highlights. Melina ran her eleventh marathon. My film aired on the National Geographic television channel. We took the

mother-of-all-hockey road trips to Prague, Czech Republic to see the NY Rangers open their NHL season. Yes, the Rangers won both games!

However the even bigger news is that Melina and I are engaged. We look forward to seeing you all on the mountain! ♡

FROM *Anne Mack*

Hello fellow Twilights!

Florida is busy this time of year, especially while potting training toddler twins! Charlotte and Grace are enjoying their new school, and Anne got out of the house for a few months by working for Starbucks, which was a hoot. Maybe she'll set up a little latte stand at the pool next summer. We've been sailing overnights once a month, which you can imagine is interesting with all those kids!

Colin and Anne had a little getaway to Chicago in January (sans kids!), which was a ton of fun. Now we are welcoming the snowbirds which is great for the sailing business and it gives Anne a chance to see Doug and Karen Hulse (Anne's parents).

Anyone is welcome to stop in if their travels bring them to Southeast Florida. Sadly, Anne's stepfather is ill, which will keep us away from Twilight this summer. Please keep our family in your prayers!

Many thanks to Sarah Dhar and Judith Shulevitz for taking the helm of the camp while Anne takes a leave of absence. Have a great spring! ♡

WHOO'S HOO

FROM *Josephine McSweeney*

Twilights Frolic In Warm Climate

On January 12th, nine Twilights and a friend made their way in separate taxis to the Hudson River and met as planned in the departure area of their cruise ship for a trip to the Caribbean. It was a first for the Galattis, John, the two Noras and, of course for the babies Dannielle and Christopher. Bob and Sally Laurilliard, Sydney Starr and Josephine McSweeney had sailed before.

Our ship, the Norwegian Gem was only two years old. We ignored the climbing wall, the treadmills and the basketball courts, but made good use of the card room, bowling alleys, library, excursions and swimming pools. Dannielle and Christopher made use of the baby pool. They attracted passengers and crew where ever they went. we usually met for meals (excellent) at one of the dining rooms.

The ship stopped at St. Thomas, Antigua, Tortola, Barbados and St. Martin. We would sightsee or loaf on a beach. The weather was as-advertised sunny, in the eighties with low humidity. As we sailed back to New York we agreed that the trip was so fabulous because we are Twilight friends, and hope to travel together again. ♡



Megan and Susan Underwood,
and Elda Martocci in Granada

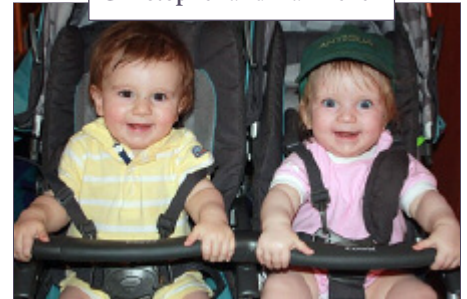
FROM *Susan Underwood*

We are all well. Stephanie and her husband, Lou, have been living in the Pittsburgh area for the past two years.

Megan spent the fall semester in Granada, Spain. I took a six-month sabbatical and spent September and October in Spain with Madrid as my base. Megan and I had a nice visit to Valencia and then returned to Madrid to meet Elda Martocci at the airport. The three of us travelled by car to Granada staying at some *paradors* along the way. I am including a picture taken at Cafe de Futbol, Megan's favorite place for a *cafe con leche* in Granada.

Steve and I have enjoyed cooking dishes from Mario Batali's (with Gwyneth Paltrow) book *Spain: A Culinary Road Trip* as well as watching the TV series. ♡

Christopher and Dannielle



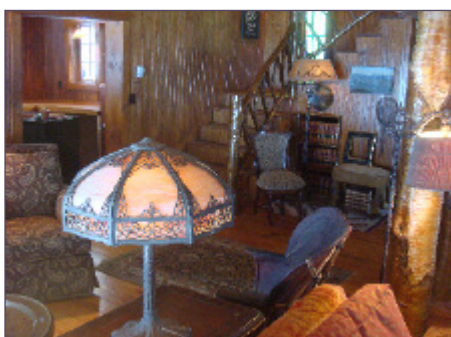
Bob and Sally Laurilliard



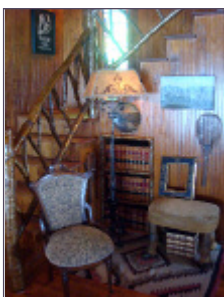
FROM *Scott Graves*

Clover is now 5 months old—we can't believe how much she has grown. She is an incredible sleeper, very close to rolling over and making all sorts of noise.

Thanks to Dave Maurer and his efforts to historically restore our home back to the 1880s, we are excited that Clover will enjoy her first summer in Twilight. She'll live the modern life in Brooklyn five days a week and we'll turn back the clock on the weekends. The renovation of our home was well worth the wait and we are looking forward to a low-key and relaxing summer. See you in May! Love, Scott, Alyson and Clover 🌸



Cosy Cabin
interior



FROM *Brenda Walker*

Here are some photos of our visit with Anjali, her mother Vanessa, and Vanessa's parents in Sceaux, a town south of Paris famous for its chateau and parks. Vanessa and Anjali are returning to India. Anjali turned one on January 2nd. 🌸



Grandparents: Patricia Vesco, Peter Swords, Brenda Walker, Jean-Marc Laskart with Anjali



Peter Swords, Vanessa Hirsch
at Chateau de Sceaux



Anjali Hirsch

FROM *Bruce & Gracia Dayton*

Gracia and Bruce will miss the Twilight-New York gathering as they are spending the month of March in Vero Beach, Florida.

Jon and Hendy have made multiple trips to Massachusetts from California to check on Skyler now at Berkshire School and Tucker at Deerfield Academy. Tucker was elected captain of soccer for the season in the fall. Jackson has finished school applications, which surprisingly include a number of Massachusetts prep schools, and should be hearing soon the results thereof.

Hendy, Heather, Gracia and Paula Canning plan to travel to Rome together in April to visit with Heather's college roommate—part of celebrating her 50th birthday year! TC and Bruce will be left home with their respective dogs, Flicka and Oscar.

Noa is excited that she will be in Twilight in July after attending camp at the Stagedoor Manor Performing Arts Training Center in Liberty, NY. While Noa has been honing her dancing skills with the Alvin Ailey dance program, Grace Wilson has just finished dancing in her school's production of *Cabaret*. Tommy Wilson is into the theatre as well and has just finished performing in *Alice in Wonderland* sadly missed by Bruce and Gracia while in Florida. Grace's high school soccer team lost in the Massachusetts state finals as her brother Tyler's Amherst team lost in the final four soccer competition. Everyone is looking forward to following Tucker and Grace's lacrosse teams this spring.

Gracia and Bruce plan a quick trip to San Francisco in June to attend Jackson's eighth grade graduation program and take in a special reception in Squaw Valley planned by her brother for our nephew Andrew Parkhill honoring his new wife. 🌸

Did something special happen on the site of the gazebo at Santa Cruz Falls?

Bruce Dayton is very interested as he would like to commemorate the event with a small plaque to be affixed to the inside roof... so let him know the event date, etc. at bmd56@concentric.net. 🌸

WHOO'S HOO

FROM Christen/Cook Family

Two chairs, two books, a rare family gathering, and visits to all five continents marked recent months for the Christen/Cooks.

Sea Power Ashore and in the Air, co-edited by Dr. John Reeve and Dr. David Stevens, is the most recent of John Reeve's studies of naval power. John, the husband of Barbara Hall Christen, holds the Osborne Chair in Naval History at the University of New South Wales in Australia. John, Barbara and son Edward journeyed from Australia to Connecticut to join Charles and Barbara, Kate and Suzanne and their families for a Christmas gathering before continuing on to UK, Europe and Singapore.

Elephants and Ethics: Toward a Morality of Coexistence was published in June. Kate, Christen, an environmental historian and research associate at the Smithsonian, co-edited the book with Christen Wemmer, former director of the Smithsonian Conservation and Research Center. The Reeves missed Africa, but the Christen/Leimbgrubers had taken care of that continent earlier. Niko Christen, the son of Kate Christen and Peter Leimgruber, was particularly impressed by the dances of the Zulu warriors in South Africa. Peter, director of the Conservation Ecology GIS Laboratory of the Smithsonian National Zoological Park, traveled to Smithsonian project sites, conferences and programs in Southeast Asia several times this year.

Dr. Ian Cook was appointed chair at the Neurological Institute at UCLA where he is engaged in research on Alzheimer's and depression. Unable to come east for the holiday gathering, Ian, Hallie, Natalie (5), and Abigail (2), hosted Barbara and Charles for a happy "Gramps and Grandma" visit. A "G&G" tour in Germany with Niko and his parents was expanded to include the UK.



Ian Cook with Natalie



Suzanne Christen Park

Meanwhile, as Suzanne Christen Park was managing a meeting in Norway, the Reeves arrived home in Canberra and Kendra Cook

and husband Bill Perkins settled in to develop their properties in Utah and Colorado.

We figure that, with a straight line from California to the east coast and another from Norway down to Australia, the family has covered the world up, down and sideways. Through all this the Christen children have been doing what little girls and boys do these days: swimming, ice hockey, karate, skiing, and when they can get away with it, watching cartoons on TV. ♡

FROM Tressler-MacKenzie**Octogenarian Braves Midwestern Winter to Celebrate with his Family**

Battling sub-zero temperatures, high winds, and a foot of new snow, Art Tressler and wife Bonnie flew from California to Chicago in late December to celebrate Art's 80th birthday (and Christmas) with his family. Daughters Martha and Susan flew in from London and New York, respectively (and Anthony and Fabio came too of course). The event was hosted by the Pearson family in Carol Stream, Illinois, a western suburb of Chicago. Ann Tressler Pearson arranged a gourmet dinner for 10 at Venuti's Restaurant in nearby Addison, followed by cake and presents at home. ♡

The Birthday Hat

**FROM Susie McGahan**

We are delighted to share the news that **Michael Poremba is the newest owner of Bearloga**. Michael is the great-great-grandson of the original owner, Barbara Elagin MacGahan and continues the unbroken family ownership line for the cottage. He is not really a "new" owner as his parents, Barbara and Bill Poremba, owned it in the 80's.

Michael and his siblings, Cathy and John, spent their summers here and were stalwart Twilight campers. The whole family has retained strong connections to the park, traveling from Florida every year, usually to spend Christmas with their grandparents, John and Carroll MacGahan. In 2007 Cathy was married to Matt Boatman in All Angels where her parents were married in 1972. We look forward to seeing much more of the siblings; they are, in a very real sense, coming home.

Last summer, when they were here for Barbara's memorial celebration, Michael proposed to his lovely girlfriend Lisa Mobly (on one knee; in front of Bearloga ... ahhh) to the delight of the entire family. The northern contingent (Susie, Patty and Kevin, Stephanie and Michael, Becca, Sara) will be flying to Florida in May to attend the wedding. There are rumors of a possible honeymoon in the Catskills but the specifics are not forthcoming ... smart kids. ♡

FROM Wade Speir

Catherine, Amy and Wade Speir were thrilled to have Margaret Elizabeth born last October. All are enjoying cozy home life in Princeton. ♡

Margaret, Amy, Catherine



WHOO'S HOO



Dianne Butt and Sam Butt in Egypt ♡

*Bubo scandiacus*

FROM Carol Buffett

Carol wrote us about a “...recent visit of the Snowy Owl to our shores in Connecticut... When son John Buffett and his wife, Tammy, were here in mid November to celebrate my birthday they went to our local beach and met an ardent group of bird watchers viewing a snowy owl on a jetty off the beach!”

Carole’s clipping from the November 26, 2008 **New Canaan Advertiser** included information about the owl’s visit to her area:

“Scores of bird-watchers headed to various points in Norwalk, Westport and Stratford to see the owls, which normally hang out in northern Canada ... Several phenomena besides migration may bring strange birds to our area. Variations in food and population supplies can cause irruptions—not eruptions—of certain birds, particularly those whose normal territory is boreal. In winters when the lemming population

declines in Canada, Snowy Owls may appear in many northern states. This year they are being seen throughout coastal New England and in the Chicago area. An underweight Snowy Owl was found in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on November 6. It died the next day.

Airports like Logan in Boston often attract Snowy Owls because they offer great expanses of flat, treeless land, which these birds favor for hunting. Since we don’t have lemmings, the owls settle for local small mammals and even fish and shorebirds. Most of the sightings around here are on the coast. Years ago, Snowy Owls used to be seen inland, such as in Ridgefield, before subdivisions and second growth forests filled in all the open farmland.” ♡



Left to right: Jim Young, Brenda and Peter Swords, Deirdre Swords at the Blue Hole on Big Pine Key, FL in January. ♡

FROM Helen Price

JB and I plan to spend this summer in Twilight with many friends and family visiting. The Totowsky girls, Kate and Anna, plan to stay most of August! JB has spent much of the winter planning with the board for progress on the Mountaintop Library. Helen has enjoyed watching others clearing snow as she paints away. Best wishes to all our friends and neighbors for a healthy and happy 2009. ♡



Tallmadge Cheese Market in Upper Montclair, New Jersey: under construction

FROM Allin Tallmadge

The Tallmadge Cheese Market is scheduled to open in Upper Montclair, New Jersey in late March. Allin studied with some of the area’s foremost cheesemongers: Artisanal and Murray’s Cheese in Manhattan, The Cheese Shop of Ridgewood and Eden Gourmet in South Orange. The shop plans to stock 125 to 200 cheeses plus a

Mediterranean pantry. Allin is a keen supporter of sustainable food production and wishes to back small producers and farmers. ♡



Cottages for Sale:

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| BUFFETT | \$450,000 |
| HALL | \$420,000 |

Cottages for Rent

As of March 1, 2009 the following cottages are available for rent:

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| AINSWORTH | August 17 – September 3 | \$2,400 | |
| AULT | July 1 – 31 or | \$4,300 | |
| | August 1 – 31 | \$4,300 | |
| BARISH/STERRETT | June 27 – July 11 | \$2,400 | |
| | July 12 – 25 | \$2,400 | |
| | Possibly available for portions of August | | |
| BEHLKE | June 27 – July 28 | \$4,800 | |
| | August 1 – 31 | \$4,800 | |
| COBB (no pets) | July 12 – August 31 | \$7,200 | |
| | Or one month within time frame | \$4,800 | |
| DAVIES | July 1 – 31 or | \$3,800 | |
| | August 1 – 31 | \$3,800 | |
| J. DAYTON (no pets) | August dates tba | \$4,800 | RENTED |
| DECKER | July 1 – 30 | \$4,500 | |
| | August 3 – 31 | \$4,500 | |
| HIRSCH | August 1 – 31 | \$4,700 | |
| JANEWAY | July 1 – 31 | \$2,500 | |
| | August 2 – September 1 | \$2,500 | |
| MACK | June 27 – July 28 | \$4,000 | |
| | August 1 – September 1 | \$4,000 | |
| POREMBA | July 1 – August 31 | Rented | |
| VIANA | July 1 – 30 | \$4,800 | |
| | August 1 – 31 | \$4,800 | |

- Utilities included: electricity, gas, and basic phone. Does not include long distance.
- In the fall of 2000 the Board of Directors passed a resolution requiring renters to pay a \$250.00 per month Activities Fee to the Twilight Park Association.
- *No smoking allowed in Cottages.*

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Joanne Ainsworth

FROM Joanne Ainsworth

John and Joanne celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on December 28th, 2008! The whole family gathered in. Peter and Treseanne came from Boston with daughters Lauren (17) and Julia (14); Megan and Jay flew in from Seattle with Kate (3) and Sarah (16 months); and Rob and Lauren drove up from Philadelphia. Two of Joanne's sisters, Margo from San Francisco and Barbara and husband John, from Manhattan. John and Joanne were surprised by a wonderful dinner in the same restaurant where their rehearsal dinner was held! There were lots of laughs and a few tears with the reading of an anniversary poem written by Megan and recited by Peter, Megan and Rob.

Here is to the next 40! 🍷

FROM John Fisher

In the last week, we've had both John and Alice Gordon and Jimmie and Elda Martocci come see us in our new home on Edisto Island, SC. It was wonderful to have Twilighters with us, and we look forward to more visitors, including the Ainsworths later this month. 🍷



Above: Jim Martocci

Below: John and Sue Fisher, John and Alice Gordon

