

# THE SNOWY OWL of TWILIGHT PARK

*All the news that's fit to hoot.*

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

The contract with the forester was signed. We are now part of the state program for protection of the forest which means we log according to state specifications. The logging will be done only when the park is closed. The income from logging should be sufficient to pay the forester and leave a profit for the park. An additional benefit is that in the designated logging areas we get an 80% reduction in real estate taxes. Most important, the project protects the forest. On another note; the **Twilight Park Association** is now defunct and the **Twilight Cottagers** are the sole owners of Twilight Park. We have been cleared on any tax liability in that regard. It means that we will be able to start filing as a not-for-profit organization. However, the final work on that portion will wait until spring when the ad-hoc committee can get together. The board also decided to begin work on a project to clarify park committee functions and responsibilities. This is a long term project.

*~ Allan Lans*

## IN MEMORIAM

*Jean Spencer Lemaitre, 94, beloved by her family and friends, died peacefully at home on February 26. She is survived by her brother, Walter Spieczny of Bound Brook, NJ; nephews, nieces and grand nieces and nephews. Her husband, Victor A. Lemaitre, a long-time FBI agent, predeceased her. Jean served in the American Red Cross in Europe during World War II, worked for many years as an advertising account executive at Doyle, Dane & Bernbach and was a long-term, faithful and active parishioner at Church of the Heavenly Rest. She graduated summa cum laude from Hunter College in 1999 at age 82. Funeral services took place at Church of the Heavenly Rest on 90th Street and Fifth Avenue.*



## SNOWY OWL SPIKE

Snowy Owls live in the Arctic most of the year, but this winter an unusual number of them have been seen flying south according to an article in the NYTimes. The director of the Owl Research Institute in Charlo, Montana claims, "There are so many across the country, everywhere, by the thousands. It's unbelievable."

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## 2012 Calendar

Thank you to those people who are always so punctual with their calendar entries. The 2012 Twilight Park calendar goes to press on Monday, May 14, and the deadline for entries is May 7.

As of February 6, we have received Art Show, All Angels Benefit, and Twelka Cup schedules for 2012. The information needed (dates, times, and locations) is listed below. It should be emailed to [art.tressler@comcast.net](mailto:art.tressler@comcast.net). It's not too early to start planning the community events for the summer.

- \* Tennis matches
- \* Major 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.

Winter (i.e. home) contact information for all members and associate members is listed at the back of the calendar. That information is taken from the Twilight website's database. If

your contact information has changed from last year, please correct it on the web so it will be correct in the calendar.

**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 & Bonnie MacKenzie  
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## Holistic Health & Arts Program for Young Teens

### *Sugar Maples Center for Creative Arts in July*

WEEK 1 JULY 10 - JULY 13

WEEK 2 JULY 17 - JULY 20

WEEK 3 JULY 24 - JULY 27

WEEK 4 JULY 31 - AUGUST 3

Sugar Maples Center for Creative Arts in Maplecrest, New York — just a short drive from Twilight — is offering a holistic health and arts program designed especially for young teens. The program is offered by Abeille Consultants, Inc., a non-profit educational company, dedicated to teaching holistic health and wellness techniques, and the creative arts.

The classes promote emotional and physical well



being, foster inherent creativity and an aptitude for confidence, grace, integrity, and success. In addition, lessons encourage students to develop a love of their natural surroundings,

The classes at Sugar Maples will include **culinary arts** — learning to prepare simple and nutritious menus using organic and indigenous ingredients — yoga, studio art, creating botanical drawings and watercolors reflecting our beautiful surroundings, and work with the Batavia Kill Preservation Project to replant forests destroyed by Hurricane Irene.

The cost of this program is \$250 per week. To further inquire or register, please call Jeanne Licurse at (518) 734-5063. Jeanne is president of Abeille Consultants, and will be teaching these classes. She is a certified Montessori teacher, a certified yoga instructor, an award-winning pastry chef, and a classically trained homeopath.

~Deborah Dobski



### All Angels Cabaret

Hey, Twilights! Are you ready to feel the funk? Well, put on your dancing shoes, jump in the Soul Train line, and prepare yourself for this year's *All Angels Cabaret!*

This August we'll be celebrating the sounds of the super seventies, from disco divas to powerful punks and everything in between. If you want to rip it up, if you feel like Stayin' Alive, or if you're just in the mood to perform on a S-A-T-U-R-D-A-Y night, we want you in the show. If you're interested in performing, please send an email to Mack Elder at [mack.elder@gmail.com](mailto:mack.elder@gmail.com).

### Ongoing Improvements to the Current Website

#### Features Coming this Spring

- Calendar
- Week-at-a-Glance will feature the current week's events with links to more information
- The ability to add attachments when using "Email All" "
- The ability to send email to certain groups and committees

~ John Galatti

### Mountain Top Arboretum & Garden Club Events

The Twilight Garden Club and the Mountain Top Arboretum are currently planning the following events for summer 2012:

**JUNE 30:** Garden fair with a demonstration program on planting Arts and Crafts inspired garden containers. We may also have a selection of suitable containers for sale.

Early July or early August: All ages and kid-friendly visit to the hives led by Arboretum bee keeper Will Curley.

In the works: possible talk by Rick Darke, author of *In Harmony with Nature: Lessons from the Arts & Crafts Garden*. Looking forward to the next planting season! ~ Michèle Lowrie



### SNOWY OWL SPIKE *continued from first page*

Twilights are not the only owl fans. When five snowy owls took up residence near Kansas City, MO, thousands of birders arrived to see them. The fact that snowy owls are active during the day time, plus the fame of Hedwig, the snowy owl from the Harry Potter series, add to their allure. Unfortunately, they are attracted to airports which look like tundra to them. Logan airport in Boston had to trap and remove 21 so far this year. Number of snowy owls spotted on the Twilight golf course? Zero.

~ ET Emmerich



## Church of All Angels

Outside there was a light dusting of snow, but inside the Elder's house on December 26 there was a great deal of warmth and good cheer. Fifteen people attended the traditional Service of Lessons and Carols, joining their voices together in song and recitation of scripture. Thank you to the Elder family for hosting and to Barbara Swanson for leading the service.

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

The opening service for the season will be held on Sunday, June 24, 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Kate Heichler presiding. Worship services continue through Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2. The Vestry is delighted to report that Revs. Sean Cavanaugh, Jacob Smith, and Robert Woody have agreed to a return engagement.

Jimmie Martocci will be directing our music once again. All are welcome to participate in our spirited choir. Just come down to the church at 9:30 on the morning of services to practice with us.

### LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

We will continue with Lemonade on the Lawn (LOL) following the service. Our first LOL will be after the June 24 service. All are welcome to join us for light refreshments and fellowship on the church

lawn, whether you attended the service or are just passing by on your morning run. In case of rain, the LOL will be held at the pool house.

### DISASTER RELIEF

Many thanks to the generosity of those who donated funds and those who donated time and energy. The relief effort has generated much warm feeling, benefitting both the Twilight and the mountaintop communities.

The church website has pictures and narrative about the Hurricane Irene relief effort. The website can be accessed at [www.twilightallangels.com](http://www.twilightallangels.com) or through the link on the main Twilight Park login screen.  
*Janis Handte, Senior Warden  
All Angels Church*



### ALL ANGELS AUXILIARY

The auxiliary met Sept. 3 to plan for the 2012 season and to discuss our financial obligations. In addition to our routine operating costs for rectory maintenance, church, rest room cleaning and supplies, the auxiliary voted to donate funds from its treasury to Hurricane Relief. This donation

was coordinated with All Angels Church and its commitment to the relief effort. Barbara Swanson worked very hard on her own and with All Angels and Twilight volunteers, as well as with Rev. Karen Monk. Many thanks to Barbie and our Twilight Park community for their generous contributions, and for the rescue items desperately needed to help our neighboring communities recover.

### 2012 SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 26, 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 welcome!

**Sunday, May 27, 11:30 a.m.**  
All Angels Auxiliary meeting at the rectory. Light working lunch and refreshments will be provided as dig into our plans for the season. We have a busy year ahead and an exciting benefit to plan for August 4.

**Saturday, August 4**  
Super Seventies Cabaret!  
Location: Club House. Time: to be announced in June. We are excited about our "Super Seventies" theme! Mack Elder has graciously volunteered to provide his creative leadership in this eagerly anticipated show, so if you want to be a part, call or email Mack and say "Yes! Please count me in on the fun!"

*Karen Hulse, President  
All Angels Auxiliary*



## Twilight Youth Program

### PLANNING AND GOALS

Our 2012 goals are based on the feedback from our parents' survey and our end of season analysis of areas for improvement and are focused on:

- Continuing to upgrade the play group program for younger and older children, the use of our parks' teens as counselors and the teen-youth evening activities.
- Adding a leadership program for the tweens and young teens.
- Beefing up the art, tennis, camping, hiking and swim programs with more emphasis on nature and our environment.
- Investing in counselor education through winter participation in educational opportunities and more emphasis on pre-camp training and team building.
- Purchasing new sports equipment and upgrades to the existing facilities.
- Investigating ways to improve our information management, communications and overall risk management.

### 2012 MANAGEMENT, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Our new youth program director is Mary Jane (MJ) Meherg, a middle-school science teacher from Florida with tons of camp management experience. She was a camp director in Florida for eight years and directed or co-directed camps in NY state for the past three years. She worked with a variety of age groups, developed CIT and leadership programs, has helped camps become certified and is familiar with the NY state rules and regulations.

Mary Jane has been certified by the ACA to professionally inspect camps. The assistant principal at the middle school where she teaches described her as "amazing, awesome, very creative with the kids and my lead person in that grade level ... has a sense of humor, very approachable and in the top elite of my teachers."

**Sandy Truesdell Knapp** and **Beth Carlson** will return as part of the management team. Sandy will be the aquatics program director and Beth will continue as head counselor.

**Counselors, Junior Counselor and CITs:** many of last year's group will be returning and a few new faces. No announcements until we finish the hiring process. ***Job application deadline is March 15.***

**Sarah Post** and **Anne Mack** are cochairing the youth committee and are getting help from Janine Maurer, Laura Henson, Kim Marcus, Judith Shulevitz, Megan Marine, Rachel Roll, Paula Canning, Rob Meyers, Mark Mechlowitz, Nora Monaco, John Galatti, Robin Kaukonen, Amanda Fletcher, Ashley Cavanaugh, Melina Fisher, Mary Douglass, Rick Manix, Wade Speir.

### JOIN THE FUN

**Tweens and Young Teens:** We are going to have leadership programs that will include team building, community projects all wrapped up with traditional fun and games. Look for more details this spring.

**Older Teens:** We still have counselor, junior counselor, CIT

and instructor opportunities available. Go to the Twilight website and download the job application. Some of these positions are paid, some volunteer, but let us know what you would like to do.

**Community Volunteers:** The success of our youth and teen events in the evening were totally due to people signing up to sponsor or coordinate an activity. Look for more information this spring.

**Youth Program Guest Speakers:** We love to have people from the community with special or unique topics and activities. Here are some of the possibilities: Nature experts, botanical, birding, animal tracking, chess, ping pong, golf, games, sports, cooking, healthful eating, dance, singing, puppet shows, painting, theater, magic tricks, character drawing, carpentry, gardening...

Feel free to contact Sarah Post at [spost123@aol.com](mailto:spost123@aol.com), Anne Mack at [amack00@gmail.com](mailto:amack00@gmail.com) or Mary Jane Meherg at [mehergmj@centurylink.net](mailto:mehergmj@centurylink.net) for more information or to explore volunteer and employment opportunities.

**OUR MISSION:** To provide a safe, nurturing, fun and learning environment for the Tri-Park youth that helps build a love and appreciation for our communities and their heritage.

Made possible through the collection of participation fees, fund raising and the Twilight Park Cottagers and their board who help provide facilities, equipment, adult volunteers and encouragement.

*Sarah Post*



## Nests & Building

### RENTALS

As of February 20, 2012, the following cottages are available for rent\*:

#### AULT

August 1 - 31

\$4400

#### BARISH/STERRETT

July 1 - 29

\$4600

August 25 – September 30

tba

#### BEHLKE

July 1 - 31 — Rented

August 1 - 31 — Rented

#### DECKER

July 1 – 31 — Rented

August 1- 31

\$4750

#### JANEWAY

July 1 – 31

\$3300

August 1 – 31

\$3300

#### KAUKONEN

July 1 – 28

\$3000

August 27 – October 8

tba



HAYWARD ROAD WALL UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY NATHAN HOMMEL AND CREW DURING OCTOBER 2011. PHOTO BY JAMES YOUNG.

#### MC DONALD

August 15 - 31

\$2100

September

tba

#### MCGINNIS

July 8 – 22

\$2300

#### POREMBA

July 1 – July 31 — Rented

August 1 – 31

\$2800

#### TALLMADGE

July 1 – 31

\$5000

\*Utilities included: electricity, gas, 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*

### SALES

*Sans Souci*, the Ault cottage, and *Cairn Brae*, the Clare cottage, will be coming on the market this summer. Details will be announced Memorial Day weekend.



### Welcome New Neighbors: The Marcus Family



Hello All. We are the Marcus family: Dan, Kim, Milo, Aaron (AJ), Liza and Riley (our dog). We are thrilled to be the new owners of the McSweeney cottage.

We have been coming to Twilight since 2000, when Milo was six-months old. We were introduced to the park by a college friend who was working with Jim McMenamin at the time. Once we came to Twilight, we fell in love — it's been our second home despite our various moves. We now live in Montclair, NJ. The kids have all attended the Twilight youth program and are looking forward to maybe one day being

counselors. We love hiking, camping on the golf course, and swimming.

The picture (above) is from a 10-day trip to Israel that we went on last December.



*From* BRUCE DAYTON  
Gracia and Bruce Dayton on their way to Florida in early February stopped in for a quick visit and lunch with Ron and Viviane Decker on their farm just outside of Atlanta. Ron was recovering from a series of medical problems following an auto accident about two years ago. The Deckers plan to be in Twilight this June and look forward to seeing the "old" Twilight crowd. The Daytons plan to have dinner and catch up with Carol Cummings in Vero Beach later in the month.

In late March the Daytons expect to have a visit from Jon who will be in from California for a Merrill Lynch meeting and to watch Jackson play baseball with Deerfield, just south of Vero. Granddaughter, Grace Wilson, will join them after her Williams lacrosse team finishes their winter break tour in Orlando. Jon and Jackson, on their way back to school, hope to catch Grace's last lacrosse game against Connecticut College. BJ Gorman hopes to join us at the game as her granddaughter and old friend of Grace's is a starter on that team.



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## Hoo's Who

**From PATTY SPITKO**

This winter has been fairly quiet for us. We had a lovely Christmas — celebrated over New Years with 11 family members and capped off with the New Years Brunch.

Susie and I are doing our annual Sisters-in-the-City weekend in February. We have tickets to *Book of Mormon* and will pick up one more play while there. Then lots of shopping and sightseeing and eating. Can't wait!

In April, Stephanie and I plan to go to Ohio for the colorguard competition finals. We'll meet up with her in-laws who live close to Dayton and provide us with accommodations. Then in May, Kevin and I will join Stephanie and Michael for a vacation in St Lucia. Lots of sun and snorkeling (us) and scuba diving (them) is planned. Then you blink and it will be summer which, of course, means Twilight.

Becca and Sara are keeping busy with graduate school and Tough Mudder races. This summer she plans to do the Warrior Dash in Windham. Stephanie and I will hopefully join them for this event.

**From MICHELE LOWRIE**

Don't know what popular music to buy your friends or grandkids? Check out Lucas Fagen's monthly column of music criticism "Fagen's Critical Catalogue" at the weekend edition of *Hyperallergic*, an indie on-line magazine for art criticism ([hyperallergic.com/weekend/](http://hyperallergic.com/weekend/)). He'll be posting from the Lowrie cottage on Barkeloo this summer!

**From DIANNE BUTT**

I recently joined the faculty of Lasell College ([www.lasell.edu](http://www.lasell.edu)) as an adjunct professor. I'm teaching two classes this spring in the Marketing & Management Department. I'm really enjoying this new stage in my career — but I'm having a bit of difficulty getting used to being addressed as Professor Butt.



BOB ELDER AND  
WHITNEY  
JANEWAY  
GREETING THE  
NEW YEAR AT THE  
SECOND ANNUAL  
OPEN HOUSE AT  
LEDGE END.



THE MACGAHAN  
SISTERS MEET THE  
TADLERS IN NYC  
FOR PRESIDENT'S  
WEEKEND. THEY  
HAD AN AMAZING  
MEAL AT BISTRO  
CASSIS BEFORE  
HEADING OFF TO  
SEE PRISCILLA  
QUEEN OF THE  
DESERT.





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## Hoo's Who

**From SUSAN DUNN**

The headline in the Dunn household is that Opera Lafayette has triumphed at Versailles. The little DC opera company and its friends unearthed and revived *Le Roi et le Fermier*, a long-forgotten opera by Monsigny which had not been performed in something over 200 years. This "modern premiere" was performed once at the Kennedy Center, once at the Rose Theater in New York, and twice at the Royal Opera House at Versailles. A magnificent venue and a rather quiet audience, which erupted at the end into vigorous clapping, followed by foot-stomping, rhythmic applause, and three curtain calls. Everybody associated with this production is thrilled.

As for the family, the little ones are growing, the big ones are over-busy, and Dad beat Daniel in the annual bird competition. But since Daniel's work will take him to British Columbia, Brazil, France, and who-knows-where-else this year, 2012 is not looking good for DCD.

**From SARAH POST**

The Cummings-Post-Henson clans were able to keep up their fall and winter traditions of visiting, traveling and making fools of themselves. Most notable is their compelling need to wear owl PJs on almost any occasion. In fact, each of them has at least three different sets.

The Cummings sisters (Katie, Chrissy and Sarah ) took theirs on a trip to Ireland this past fall. They did an excellent job of cheering on the USA team at the Solheim Cup (women's golf) but alas their team lost anyway. The pictures include the Henson childrens' owl PJ selection for Christmas Eve in Virginia. All in all a really hooting good time!

**From ED & CECILIA WILLI**

Ed and Cecilia miss Twilight, but enjoying CT with not so much snow so far. Went to Chile and Argentina end of December until mid January. Now going to Italy Feb.21 - 29 with daughter Denise to visit grandson Sean, there for one year with interchange of schools, and we all miss him. But he is enjoying it, and gives him the chance to see part of Europe. We will be going back to Argentina and Chile beginning of April because of Ed's business. Will stay for a couple of weeks. And then looking forward to May and Twilight again!



EMMA, SARAH AND CARTER HENSON



## Hoo's Who

*From* EMILY FISHER

I haven't sent in any news in years so here is an update on my life to date.

I have just returned from my fifth trip to Myanmar/Burma. The earlier visits were mostly spent touring the country and going into the remote mountains of the Chin State to work with an orphanage that we support. The past two trips, however have been for the purpose of founding a Bard College of the liberal arts and sciences in Myanmar. I spent these past couple of weeks with U Ba Win, a Burmese who is a dean at Bard, meeting, or rather trying to meet, with people who will be in a position to give us approval to start the college. Following the November 2010 election, Myanmar is experiencing democratic changes more quickly than anyone expected. An example of the changes, in my trip last April 2011, we had lunch with the Nobel Peace Prize winner, Aung San Suu Kyi at her home. People warned us this was a dangerous thing to do. There were military spies photographing everyone who went into her house, and it was illegal to have pictures of "the Lady." We saw posters of her all over town with vendors selling Aung San Suu Kyi memorabilia on the street. In spite of the changes, however there are few laws governing



BACK TO FRONT, LEFT TO RIGHT:  
ALEX FISHER, EMILY, ALEX'S DAUGHTER  
HUDSON, KATE FISHER, JOHN HOLDING  
KATE'S DAUGHTER EMILY, BRITTON FISHER  
HOLDING HIS DAUGHTER EMERSON GRACE,  
BRITTON'S WIFE MELINA

higher education, and most of the higher ups are still afraid to make decisions, especially in regards to college age students who in the past have been the main generators of demonstrations and upheavals. An email I received today, however indicates that we may finally be nearing approval. This is a major step for higher education in Burma.

The other part of my life involves my role as managing partner at the Emerson Inn and Spa in Mt. Tremper. The field of hospitality is a new one for me, but I am learning.

I continue to serve as chair of the board of overseers at Bard College at Simon's Rock, and as vice chair of the board of trustees at Bard College. Back in the early 80s, it was Twilighter, Gerry Porter, who

introduced us to Simon's Rock. Kate graduated in 1985, and I've served on the board since the early 90s. Someday I will step down, but at the moment I am still engaged with an institution that I believe provides one of the best undergraduate educations in the country.

Of course, the best part of my life is having three beautiful granddaughters: I know that at least one will grow up to be a Twilighter. I suspect that by this summer, Emerson Grace Fisher will be joining the toddlers in the baby pool.

I continue to travel with my husband, John Alexander. We spent New Years bird watching in Ecuador, and then a week with his children and their families in the Galapagos. Last fall, the weekend of the big snow storm, we were in Hawaii birding in Volcano National Park.

This is my life to date. I always hope to spend more time at Twilight, maybe this summer I will make good on my promise.



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## Hoo's Who

**From ART TRESSLER AND BONNIE MACKENZIE**  
Owls Roost's senior members have been enjoying the always pleasant west coast weather during the fall-winter season here. There is one adventure we have had that we will share with readers.

In November, we travelled through the Panama Canal. This was a Road Scholar program that put us aboard Crystal Symphony, a cruise ship carrying about 1,000 passengers (much smaller than the ill-fated Costa Concordia) in November. We boarded in Miami and disembarked in Los Angeles two weeks later. We stopped at the Cayman Islands and Cartagena, Columbia before reaching the eastern entry to the canal.

Prior to the canal passage, we had attended several lectures and slide shows about the history of the French failure and American success in building the canal. The two-lane canal opened in 1914; a third lane is currently under construction to accommodate larger ships.

The passage itself took about seven hours and was accompanied by ship's broadcasts that gave a running commentary on what we were seeing. Land cars (called "mules") on rails secured the ship to keep it from scratching on the sides of the canal. Ships passing from east to west are initially lifted three times to

reach a man-made lake in the middle of Panama. By the end of the day, we traveled through six locks and saw a variety of structures and land formations that were cut to make the canal. We did not visit Panama City but came close enough to see its many skyscrapers. Once through the canal, we travelled up the west coast of Mexico, stopping at Huatulco, Puerto Vallarta, Cabo San Lucas, and San Diego before disembarking in Los Angeles and flying home to the San Francisco area.



APPROACHING THE GATUN LOCKS, PANAMA CANAL

**From JAMES YOUNG & ET EMMERICH**

In February in Big Pine Key, Florida, we were graced with frequent visits from this juvenile red-shouldered hawk who liked to hunt lizards from the leafless frangipani in our front yard. This type of hawk breeds in the Catskills and in the Keys. Back in the city, we get glimpses of their slightly larger cousins, the red-tailed hawks who hunt Central Park's pigeons and rats.





## Hoo's Who

**From LIBBY TALLMADGE**

We are writing you from Colorado Springs where we are visiting Zach and Alex. The weather is beautiful with a crystal clear view of Pike's Peak in the background. Zach, his wife Ryen and children, Caydance and Tucker, moved out here in January and are settling into a new home while looking for a job. Zach returned from Army Reserve duty in Afghanistan in December. Alex is in the Army full time and returned from his year in Afghanistan last August. He works at Ft Carson in Colorado Springs.

We moved to Georgia in September with Libby working with SunTrust Robinson Humphrey and Allin exploring the burgeoning foodie world in Georgia and working the cheese counter at Whole Foods. We are renting a townhouse in Buckhead and figuring out where we want to be longer term. We were shocked to see daffodils blooming in February. I now know what a camilla is as we have several in our garden and they bloom in the winter. Amazing.

Regrettably we will not be at Twilight as much as recently due to this move, but expect to be there at least a couple of weeks in August.



TUCKER TALLMADGE (7 MOS)  
WITH HIS DAD ZACH

BELOW: ZACH TALLMADGE,  
HIS WIFE RYEN, ALEXI  
(FRIEND OF ALEX'S), AND  
ALEX TALLMADGE ON  
THE TERRANCE OF THE  
BROADMOOR AFTER BRUNCH.



**From JANIS HANDTE**

It's been a quiet winter in NYC for Malcolm and Janis, mostly filled with overly ambitious DIY projects.

We didn't plan any sailing getaways this year in consideration of Emma's college application process. But as it turns out, our attention was not required because Emma (17, now a senior at Stuyvesant High) made good things happen without much intervention from the greying elders. Emma was accepted at her top choice, Reed College in Portland, OR, and is looking forward to starting there in the fall.

Felix, 19, is a computer science major at RIT, sails with the RIT sailing team on Lake Ontario, and is on the dean's list. Fortunately for the greying elders and Emma, Felix finds time frequently to come home on the weekends and help us sort out the DIY projects involving computers. Felix recently accepted a generous internship offer from Facebook, in Menlo Park, CA, for fall 2012.



## Hoo's Who

**From SUSAN UNDERWOOD**

Steve keeps busy with work while I am enjoying free time having retired at the end of June.

Stephanie gave birth to a baby girl named Liliana Grace Mazero, on November 14, 2011. Stephanie, Lou, big brother Ian and Liliana spent Thanksgiving and Christmas with us.

In December, I spent 8 days in Havana, Cuba with a group from the Bryn Mawr Film Institute. We had the opportunity to see Liza Alfonso's Dance Cuba both at the Dance Studio and the Havana Yacht Club where we were greeted by Neptune and some mermaids. After dinner and the show, we danced to music by Sintesis on the beach. The trip focused on the arts which appear to be flourishing in Havana. I especially enjoyed walking along the Malecon (sea front) with friends our last morning in Cuba.

Megan is living in Spain for the third year. She was home for 10 days at Christmas. I am planning to visit during Easter and will be with her in Linares, in Andalusia. This part of Spain has the most colorful Semana Santa processions and lively music all week. We both love Spain. When I was her age I lived in Madrid. Megan is looking forward to time in Twilight during the summer and hopes to work as a counselor.



**From NANCY & ED MURRAY**

This is Abby, the newest bichon frise member of the Murray family. Ed and Nancy have been fostering and adopting bichons frises through the nonprofit organization, Small Paws Rescue.



**From ROB AINSWORTH**

Our daughter Lucey turned 2 in January, and we are expecting number 2 right around the 4th of July. So no dinner dance for us this year!



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*From* ANN MACK

We have had a very different year this year! Once the twins settled into kindergarten, Anne went back to school to complete her teacher certification. She will be teaching English 6-12 and is interviewing for positions.

Colin has travelled all over the US for boat shows and assignments. No worries about the kids — they are not being left alone! Charlotte has straight As at her middle school and played volleyball this fall. Tristan and Colby played soccer and are loving kindergarten. Grace has really taken off in fourth grade, loves drawing and her friends. Hinckley, the lab, has learned to paddle-board.

Our biggest family adventure was following Grace and Charlotte as they travelled to India with Sarah, Vishal, Savannah and Uma Dhar during the Christmas holiday. They left New York on December 15 and returned on January 3. They travelled all over Northern India — Udaipur, Jaipur, New Delhi and Kashmir. This was a trip of a lifetime for the girls. Dad, Mom and the twins followed their travels on the map. Our favorite was Christmas Day at the Taj Mahal!

It is so wonderful that Twilight Park can foster these kind of friendships — we are so grateful. We can't wait for some much needed R&R in Twilight this July! See you all soon!

*From* BRENDA WALKER

Peter and I spent three heavenly days in Zion National Park in Utah in November. The rock formations are unbelievable! >



PETER WITH OUR GRANDDAUGHTER ANJALI (ALMOST FOUR IN THIS PHOTO) LAST OCTOBER IN SCEAUX, OUTSIDE PARIS.

**IN MEMORIUM** *We mourn the sudden and untimely death of **Hector Strausser**, our dear plumber, and our hearts go out to his family — his father, Donny Strausser, was our plumber for years before Hector took over. We will miss him.*  
~ Brenda and PeterSwords

### POSITION WANTED

Many of you may recall Vinciane Malard, the Martoccis' *au pair* in the late 1980's. Her eldest daughter, Clara, will be 16 this summer and would love to work for a family in Twilight for a few weeks. She is available between July 23 and August 10.

I met her last year and her English is very good. She was terrific with my children and I am sure she would provide wonderful care. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact me at [janeameyer@yahoo.com](mailto:janeameyer@yahoo.com).

*Jane Meyer*