



THE SNOWY OWL

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

You know how they say that real estate is about location, location, location? Well, a diagnosis of breast cancer is about support, support, support. Many people at Twilight included me in their thoughts and prayers after my diagnosis last April. Those were friends, obviously, and some family friends of long standing.

Thank you to the swimmers who responded to our son-in-law Fabio's idea of "donating" swim miles. Many of you signed a card that came along with the Twilight-swim sweatshirt that I received in the mail in October. At that point I had finished chemotherapy and was about to start radiation. The sweatshirt and what it represented were real pick-me-ups and very, very touching. Then there had been letters and emails of support earlier in the year. Another article of clothing arrived in

IN APPRECIATION

October from granddaughter Sarah who had played in a volleyball tournament to benefit the Susan Komen foundation for breast cancer. This "Volley for the Cure"

T-shirt was another comfort item. In mid-December I finished treatment and in

January I "passed" the follow-up tests and was no longer dependent on afternoon naps to function normally.

As you know, clothing does more than clothe the body. It reminds me of the people who gave it to me and how I felt included in their thoughts, even though I was not able to be with them.

With much appreciation, **Bonnie MacKenzie**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DRINKS AT THE Annual Twilight GATHERING

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
6:00 - 8:00 PM

THE PARLOUR
250 West 86th Street
New York, NY

(Between Broadway & West End Ave.)

CASH BAR

RSVP Paula at Canningpaula@aol.com
(or just show up)



The early March snowstorms dropped six feet on Twilight. Photo from Bob Hersey.

IN MEMORIAM

Joyce Ann Meyer

December 24, 1932 - December 5, 2009

Joyce Ann Meyer, aged 76, ended her year-long struggle with small cell lung cancer and pneumonia in peace, surrounded by her family and loved ones, in her home in Twilight Park.

Joyce grew up in Michigan with her parents, Effie and Harry Garey, and older brother Barre. Ever the tom boy and music enthusiast,

Joyce spent memorable summers, playing bassoon and clarinet, at the National Music Camp in Interlochen, Michigan (later to become The Interlochen Center For The Arts) where students come from every state in the USA, and over forty countries. While Joyce was still in High School, Dr. Joseph Maddy, who had founded the National Music Camp in 1927, and also directed the Ann Arbor Civic Orchestra, arranged for her to play principal bassoon in the Ann

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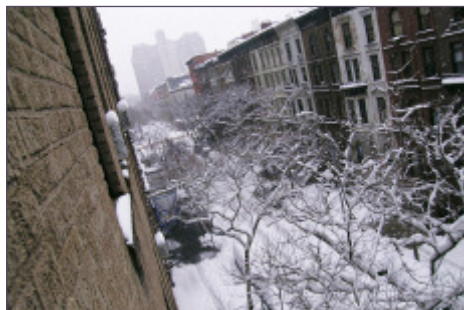


View of the valley from Brookwood, the Meyer cottage, from Bernie Meyer.



Seventy days until the park water goes on. I fully expect all the ice to be melted and the robins to be barking their heads off from the tops of the tallest hemlocks. I like knowing that Twilight is quietly waiting for us under the recent snowfalls, our haven from earthquakes, tsunamis, terrorists, disease...

Jim and I avoided the worst of the blizzards that turned West 71st Street into a glittery peaceful place. We headed south to Big Pine Key, Florida where we happily (and warmly) got to know our neighbors a little better and learned more about life in the Keys. For one thing, you have to be able to catch big fish and then talk about them. We don't know how to do that yet and I'm not sure I want to pry fish hooks out of mouths, although I do like eating the mangrove snappers and groupers that other people catch. Also, everyone has either an amazing flamboyant garden or a pea-gravel yard. After two years of lawn-wrestling in the Keys, I understand the gravel's appeal. However, we opted for lots of tropical



greenery and a small orchard which, I hope, will produce mangos, avocados and figs in June from the buds that set in February. As we all know, June is a gorgeous month to spend in Twilight, so if we don't make it to the Keys I'll have to convince our neighbors that it's okay to pick the fruit.

Jim and I are looking forward to spending long weekends and possibly a week or two in Twilight this summer. We may try to get there before the next 70 days have elapsed and see if we can coax water from our spring. While you are waiting for the new season to begin in Twilight, please enjoy reading The Snowy Owl.



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New Editors for The Owl

Ariana and Penny Tadler will be the new publishers of THE OWL for the upcoming summer season!

Heartfelt thanks to Annie Memhard Braunstein for editing and producing a truly outstanding newsletter for the past few years. Please help Ariana and Penny continue to make THE OWL an informative, entertaining and useful newsletter by offering your submissions. Deadlines to be announced.



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The Formula for Attracting Hummingbirds

HUMMINGBIRDS return to Twilight every year in early May. This is a time of year when few flowers are in bloom and insects are scarce. If the hummers know that you have food for them early there's a better chance they will get accustomed to visiting and will keep coming to your feeders and flowers all season long. Although we have never had a bear bother our four feeders, try to hang yours out of reach so the bears don't learn to associate cottages with food sources. **FEEDER**

FORMULA: 4 cups water to 1 cup sugar, mix in a small pot, stir while bringing to a slow boil until sugar dissolves. Clean the feeder at least once a week with water of a dilute bleach solution—no detergents—and rinse well. Repeat often!



Below, Big Pine Key: Green iguana, Sunset on Big Pine, Hibiscus. Above: Snowing on West 71st Street.

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Joyce Ann Meyers

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Arbor Civic Orchestra, as it's youngest member. She went on to attend the University of Michigan, where she studied music and played clarinet in the University Marching Band.

Joyce moved to Brooklyn Heights in 1952, where she would live for most of her adult life, and where she was introduced to her future husband, Bernhard. She and Bernie married in 1958 at the historic Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims where Joyce sang in the choir and had been a member of the Board of Deacons while still in her early twenties. Together, they raised three children on Willow Street and were fixtures of the neighborhood for almost four decades. In addition to raising three kids, Joyce dedicated a great deal of time to fund raising for St. Ann's School, which her children each attended for twelve years, to running the school store and warehouse, in the 1970s to assisting at the annual fund raising auction.

Her business acumen was instrumental in helping to establish the Meyer children's mobile coffee and lemonade stand at the Brooklyn Heights Promenade, Spring and Fall Art Shows. The proceeds financed the children's visits to relatives in Arizona and Europe. As the children got older, Joyce worked for about a month each year for a text book publisher arranging tours of the fashion industry for fashion-merchandising students who came to New York from all over the country.

In 1981, Joyce and Bernie purchased Brookwood, their "dream home" in the Northern Catskills, after visiting friends who owned a house in Twilight Park. As with the apartment in Brooklyn, Brookwood fast became a gathering spot for many of the children in Twilight hosting marathon (sometimes all night) games of Assassin, Risk, and Dungeons and Dragons. Over the years, Joyce spent most weekends and summers transforming the bramble-covered, almost four acres, into the magnificent property it is today. Her work was recognized with the Garden Club's Silver Trowel Award a decade ago, though she continued to work on perfecting the grounds. The last years of her life

were spent tending to her gardens and hosting visits from family and friends.

Joyce is survived by her husband Bernhard; brother Barre of Alma, Michigan; son Christoph, a spine surgeon living in Houston, Texas; daughter Jane, a lawyer living in Brooklyn Heights with her husband, Donald Wolfson and children Alexander and Julia; and Rob, a real estate developer living in Atlanta, Georgia with his wife Kim and children, Aidan and Callan.

Fred Burnham has agreed to officiate at a memorial service for Joyce early this summer at All Angels Church, in Twilight Park where her ashes will be buried.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Community Hospice of Columbia/Greene County, 47 Liberty Street, Catskill, NY 12414. Please be sure to note that the donation is being made "in memory of Joyce A. Meyer." Credit card donations may also be made by calling Maureen Timan at 518-943-5402, ext.137.



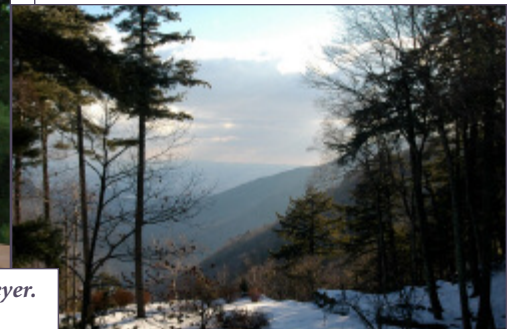
Views from the Meyer cottage by Bernie Meyer.

Restaurant Review: Joanne Ainsworth

The Tuscan Grill at the White Star in Tannersville.

Exceptionally good food, freshly prepared. The bar overlooks the open kitchen where young Chef Anthony prepares the food. The dining room has about 10 tables covered in white tablecloths. Chef Anthony's sister is the amiable and capable waitress.


The Ainsworths and Barbara Swanson dined at The Tuscan Grill recently and greatly enjoyed the food. The clams casino were superb: finely chopped fresh vegetables and clams. Barbara had the duck, Joanne the scallops and risotto and John enjoyed the special pork dish. A salad accompanies each dinner. We all raved about the food, and there was no room for dessert. The live saxophone music playing in the bar helped create a wonderful, warm atmosphere on a freezing night. This was the Ainsworths' third meal at the Tuscan Grill, and each meal was impressive. Let's all support quality mountaintop endeavors!



ACTIVITIES

Forest Management Plan

As most of you know, we have been trying for several years now to begin implementing the forest management plan that forester Mike Greason developed for us. The plan will improve the forest by controlling erosion, opening overgrown areas, and favoring the more desirable species (for aesthetics and monetary value) over time. Until now, the recession, unfrozen winter grounds, and even human mortality have intervened.

On January 28, Nathan and I met with another recommended logger, Jason Post. The three of us trekked through the woods, making certain we all were clear on what needs to be done, and specifically which trees will be removed. The initial phase of the plan calls for removal of 100 trees, mostly over-mature hemlocks and those suffering attack from wooly adelgid. Jason will begin work in Twilight after he wraps up another job in February, and complete the first phase in March, barring yet more unforeseen hurdles. I will keep you informed as the project moves ahead. 


Bob Sheridan.



Drop-in Dinners: 2010


It's time to go through our recipe files and volunteer to host a Friday night dinner for fellow Twilighters this summer. This is a fun way to continue a Twilight tradition. Kitchen help and expense reimbursement are provided!

Rick Mannix will prepare his popular spaghetti supper for the May 28 Memorial Day Weekend dinner.

Please contact John Ainsworth to sign up for a dinner in any following month. Specific dates will be determined later, so feel free to name your Friday now! 

John Ainsworth
jrainsworth@optonline.net

2010 Tennis Season Plans

- Darren Patlen is back for another year as tennis pro.
- Center grass along the middle walkway will be restored.
- Courts will be open on or before Memorial Day Weekend. 

Scott Graves
Tennis Committee

Weekly Bridge Game at the Clubhouse

Anyone interested in playing bridge on a weekly basis at the clubhouse please contact John Galatti at jgalatti@twilightparkrock.com. Any level is welcome. 

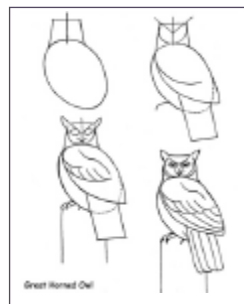
John Galatti



The early March snowstorms dropped six feet on Twilight. Photo from Bob Hersey.

Art Show 2010

The 2010 Art Show will be held August 14–15. The Art Committee urges everyone to have houseguests that weekend as their entertainment is provided by the park to a great extent. We know from a review of last year's sales that many of the buyers are guests. Our success with sales is important! Application information for artists is on the Twilight website. 



Gracia Dayton
(781) 862-0212

Twilight Cottagers Fire Reserve Fund Portfolio 2009 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 2009, and for the period since its inception on October 2, 1996.

The calendar year 2009 started very poorly, with equities worldwide continuing for two months their precipitous drop that started in 2008. After bottoming in early March, world equity markets began a substantial rally that continued almost unabated through year-end. Equity performance in the U.S., as measured by the S&P 500 Stock index, was up a solid 23.5% in 2009; world equities performed even better, averaging 26.98% for the year. U.S. fixed income investors enjoyed an average 5.93% annual return (except those invested in U.S. Treasuries, who suffered substantial losses).

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 2010, with less than 60% of assets allocated to the equity arena. For calendar year 2009, all the major domestic and worldwide equity indices, and most fixed income benchmarks, were in positive territory, as noted below:

Dow Jones Industrial Average	+18.8%
Standard & Poors 500 Stock Index	+23.5%
NASDAQ Composite	+43.9%
MSCI World Equity Index	+26.98%
Barclays U.S. Agg Bond Index	+5.93%

The Fire Reserve Fund's value was \$539,294 at December 31, 2009, an increase of \$113,922, for a +26.8% annual gain. This annual performance is the best in the history of the Fire Reserve Fund. At year-end, equity mutual funds comprised 58.8 % of the

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OWL ANGELS

The All Angels Auxiliary and Vestry

The Auxiliary met on Labor Day weekend 2009 to plan for Season 2010. We are very excited about our 2010 benefit scheduled for August 7 at the Club House.

Once again the Nine Lessons and Carols service proved to be a delightful success! The service was led by Barbara Swanson. A number of those attending shared in the readings telling the birth of Jesus Christ, and each reading was followed by carols. Many thanks to all who attended, 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.

2010 SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 29, 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 30, 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. 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. All are welcome! There will also be a vestry meeting later that day.

Sunday, June 27, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday services begin for the summer season and continue every Sunday through September 5. We are excited to have Sean Cavanaugh for five Sundays this summer, as well as several of our recent favorites. We will continue our new tradition of a social hour following each Sunday service of the summer, "Lemonade on the Lawn." Our first "Lemonade" social will be after the June 27 service. All are welcome whether you attended the service or are just passing by! After the benediction 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. The vestry will meet in the church following the Lemonade social on June 28.

Saturday, August 7

Denim & Diamonds Benefit

INGREDIENTS FOR A FUN EVENING

Denim: jeans with a tux jacket or a cool shirt, denim skirt with cool shirt or jacket

Garnish with glitz and lots of it: hats, shirts that dazzle, sequins, glitzy earrings

Good food: a staple of Twilight Park

Wine or other alcohol-based liquid:

Music: need I say more

A "country store" full of goodies to tempt the coins out of your jeans

Add your best buddies to share the evening

Mix well

Yields another bodagious All Angels Auxiliary benefit!

More details will follow. Save the date—you are guaranteed to have a wonderful time!



Karen Hulse

All Angels Altar Flowers 2010 Season

June 27	Hulse
July 4	Handte
July 11	Dayton
July 18	Gordon
July 25	Janeway
August 1	Fitzgerald
August 8	Tarnowski
August 15	Fisher
August 22	MacGahan/Spitko
August 29	Swanson
September 5	Hersey



Walk for Barbara

Imagine that you have just been diagnosed with a fatal neuromuscular disease. What do you do now? Try to continue with your travels, live life to its fullest, spend time with the people you love, and trust in the Lord to take care of you? Barbara (MacGahan) Poremba did just that, after being diagnosed at age 62 with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

One in 100,000 people are diagnosed with ALS in which the average age is 55. The prognosis is death within three to five years, and only ten percent of this population live another ten years after diagnosis. To learn more about the signs, symptoms and resources go to the ALS Association website: www.alsa.org.

April 24th marks the two years since Barbara's passing and is the date set for the Annual ALS Walk in Jacksonville, Florida. To honor Barbara's memory, the Poremba family will be walking to support those battling this debilitating disease.

Despite the physical challenges Barbara had to endure, she attended church every Sunday and spent time in her old stomping grounds, Twilight Park. This was a testimony of Barbara's passion for living life and loving life with her family until the inevitable. Now her legacy lives on through stories shared with the children and grandchildren by her husband Bill and Barbara's two sisters, Susan MacGahan and Patricia Spitko. Unfortunately, ALS lives on taking the lives of loved ones from other families and friends. To find a walk near you or to join the Barbara Poremba Team, please visit the website.



Lisa Poremba

FROM Fern Mechlowitz

Olivia Mechlowitz had a stroke in September while she was visiting a friend in Philadelphia.

After spending seven weeks in a rehabilitation facility in Pennsylvania, plus six weeks at a rehabilitation center in Atlanta, Olivia moved into an assisted-living community in Atlanta, just around the corner from Mark and Dawn.

Olivia reports that she is settling into her new home and continuing her rehab. She wants to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, phone calls and visits.

Her new address is:

**Olivia Mechlowitz
Sunrise of Decatur
Room 122
920 Clairemont Avenue
Decatur, GA 30030**

Phone:

404-371-3430 ♡

**FROM Bruce & Gracia Dayton**

Gracia and Bruce are spending February and March in Vero Beach where they hope to touch base with the Cummings as well as Artie and Patty Hommel. They plan to stop and see the Gordons on their return trip the end of March. The Daytons drove so that Flicka could join them. Noa and Tommy will visit Vero during their spring break in February, and Tucker and Jackson will be in the Florida area for lacrosse and baseball practice.

Just before departure for Florida the excitement was for Greg and Gemma as they performed on the extended Today Show on January 29th. Just prior to that the Wilson children had Tyler, a junior at Amherst, appearing in a major role in *Sweeney Todd* followed by Tommy and Grace in a performance in Acton of *Kiss Me Kate*. Bruce is the very proud grandparent of Grace Wilson and Tucker Dayton, members next fall of the Class of 2014 at Williams College. A fourth generation duo! ♡

FROM Sam Butt

Sam and his fiancée Leila El-Azem were engaged this past fall. Sam proposed at the lower east side restaurant where the two had their first date. They will be married in New York, New York in September 2010. ♡

**FROM Scott Graves**

Graves/Morilla News: We are having fun with Clover in Brooklyn as we await the newest member of the family. Alyson's due date is February 10th. We have no idea if it's a girl or a boy, but we are excited about the surprise.

Clover is saying various words, just learning to walk and is almost swimming as well.

We are also planning to spend the entire summer at Twilight this year! Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Update: February 12th!

We are excited to introduce you all to the newest Twilighter, Marni Alice Graves, born Friday, February 12th at 6:51 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces; 20 ¾ inches long.

The pool is going to be busy this summer!

Love, Scott, Alyson, Clover & Marni ♡

**WHOO'S HOO****FROM Susan Dunn**

The Dunns are having another baby... a girl to be delivered to Sarah Rossiter and Dorsey the Younger in Los Angeles in June. All of us are delighted. The Chicago Dunns are clearing out their cellar and shipping a pallet of baby gear to California. The North Carolina Dunns are really pleased that "the heat is off for a while." And we grandparents are trying to be careful about crediting our nagging with having had an effect.

In D.C. we continue our involvement with programs for the homeless and have added to our charitable endeavors Opera Lafayette, a period-instrument ensemble dedicated to performances of 17th- and 18th-century operas, especially the French repertoire. This charity has one huge fringe benefit: we house artists at performance time, and our favorite guest, Dominique Labelle, has become a good friend. Listening to this "lustrous soprano" (NYTimes review) warm

up before rehearsals has been an education and a joy.

Finally, the report on the 2009 Dunn Father-Son Bird-Watching Competition: Father: 257 Daniel: 310. No gloating permitted. There is always next year. Actually,

2010 is starting off very well. The competitors went bird-watching together to South Texas a couple of weeks ago. As of this writing, each of them has identified more than 130 birds—and it's barely February. ♡

WHOO'S HOO

**FROM *Nancy Murray***

Nancy Murray visited with Dick and Nelda Pedersen. In February, the Pedersens will meet up with the whole family in Egypt. 🐾

FROM *Helen Price*

Greetings from JB and Helen Price. We are planning a quieter summer at Twilight this year. Last summer with the visit of all our grandchildren and their families and celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary, things were quite busy and exciting. This year, aside from our annual visit to Sanibel and the Ding Darling refuge, we will be happy to soak in the beauty of nature and the wonderful warmth of Twilight friendships. 🐾

FROM *Whitney Janeway*

Snowshoeing is the order of the day at Twilight this winter for the MacGahans and Janeways (and others, I notice). Skiers, beware as we zoom up behind you!

Our big news is that Jorie Janeway, our youngest has a lovely (humorous) role in *Hairspray*, the national tour. She began in Connecticut in December and will finish in California in April. They'll be performing in NC, PA, FL, and GA. Check for a theater near you at www.hairsprayontour.com.

Jonathan and Charlotte, our intrepid farmers will apprentice at Freedom Farm, Freedom, Maine in March. A primitive but stimulating year of learning among the crops and animals there.

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle. 🐾

FROM *Brenda Walker*

Here are a few photos of Peter and me (see three photos below) on our trip in January to Half Moon Caye, a UNESCO World Heritage site run by the Belize Audubon Society. Half Moon Caye is the home of a colony of 4,000 red-footed boobies!

The first photo is of us at Altun Ha, an ancient Mayan ruin in Belize.

The second photo is of us snorkeling at Jacques Cousteau's Blue Hole 60 miles offshore where there is a fantastic coral reef. When our guide, James was younger he could dive down 80 feet with no tank, just holding his breath, and gather up shells or sponges.

And the third photo shows Peter proudly displaying a small fish which he caught—the poor fish was then cut up by the very competent fisherman James (behind Peter) and used as bait to catch barracuda, which we ate for dinner (not too delicious). 🐾

FROM *Susan Underwood*

Greetings! Steve and I are enjoying our first grandchild. Ian Thornton Mazero was born on September 25, 2009 to Stephanie and Lou Mazero. Stephanie and Ian spent two weeks with us in January when Megan came home from Spain for a week.

Megan was a bridesmaid for a good friend who had a Disneyworld wedding. She is working for the Spanish Ministry of Education as an assistant teacher of English at school in Bailen in the South of Spain. She is living in Linares the town where Andrea Segovia was born. She will be working as a counselor this summer at Camp Onaway. This will be her 12th summer.

Steve and I enjoyed a week in colonial Williamsburg during the Christmas vacation. I am looking forward to meeting Elda in Paris at the end of March and of course time in Twilight this summer. 🐾



Brenda Walker and Peter Swords in Belize



FROM *Susie MacGahan*

In the "It's never too early to start planning for next year" department, we would like to issue a blanket invitation to a **NEW YEAR'S DAY 2011 OPEN HOUSE AT LEDGE END**. This is just a seed-sowing action; full details to follow at a more reasonable time frame.

Some history is called for. Many, many years ago, Bill and Fran Bennett initiated the New Year's brunch in Twilight (at least that is my recollection) and they hosted many a festive gathering over the years. When their tenure was completed, they handed the reins to John and Carroll MacGahan who morphed the occasion into an open house with stunning success. When circumstances dictated that they were unable to continue, sadly there was no one in a position to assume the custom. In the best Twilight tradition; conversation over a glass of wine at the Elder's this Christmas went from "we've been thinking about maybe trying to resume the open house" to "it's on! Now, what are we going to serve?" Since New Year's Day is a Saturday next year, this does seem an opportune time to give it a go. Consider yourselves warned.

This is a true open house. All are welcome: house guests, kids, well behaved pets... There will be football on TV, a fire in the stove, food to eat and drinks to consume. Your time table is your own. Spend the day or grab a bite before or after winter activities. Stop by and greet the new year in the best Twilight tradition: with good friends and family in an amazing locale. Winter in Twilight must be experienced; there is nothing like it. See you then. 🐾

FROM *Brendan Behlke*

A snowball standoff between Than Ferris and Andrew Swanson on Ledge End Road.

**FROM *Patty Spitko***

As I'm writing this, I am sitting in Twilight after a lovely weekend of family, fires and fine food. The epitome of Twilight. We even had a few flurries of snow, although most of the snow on the ground had melted after last week's warm spell. Still, it is magical here.

Not much new with my clan. I am still working as an OR nurse, and after a two-year hiatus, have joined not one, but two choirs—church and concert—in the King of Prussia area. It's a little far to drive (I'm starting to think about a Prius) but it's something I've missed doing. Kevin has joined with me, so it gives us an additional two days to spend together.

Steph and Mike are enjoying their house in Glenside, PA, and Steph is looking for another position in the zoo to open up so she can have weekends off. Nothing has happened yet, but we're keeping our fingers crossed.

Becca and Sara are still in Portland, Maine and looking to buy their first home. They have a bid on one place and are waiting to hear. So hopefully, by summer they will be in their own place.

The cats are still running the house and love being in Twilight, but still won't catch the mice. More training is in order here. 🐾

FROM *Anne Mack*

Charlotte is busy with swim team and school, and Grace has been having a great time learning as well. The twins started preschool this year and they love it!

Colin sold our Irwin 34 sailboat and is in the process of buying an Irwin 37. Apparently 3 feet makes a huge difference—A/C and an aft cabin for the kids!

Anne is finishing up a year of writing her blog and has been working at the library of Bridges Montessori.

We spent Christmas in Twilight with at least six inches of snow and temperatures in the single digits! We had a great time catching up with everyone at the service of Lessons and Carols, which was just lovely.

Happy 2010! 🐾

FROM *Mike & Lisa Poremba*

As new members of the park and owners of Bearlogga, we want to thank everyone involved in the ownership process. The process was delightful and stress-free. We are very excited to be official members of the park and look forward to spending time, meeting our neighbors and enjoying the tranquility.

Lisa and I already have great memories in Twilight. We took an early evening walk two summers ago and I proposed to her in front of the Bearlogga cottage. We were married May 2nd, 2009.

We are proud to be the fifth generation of the cottage's original blood line. Thank you all for making us feel welcome. 🐾

**FROM *Joanne Ainsworth***

John and Joanne welcome a new granddaughter: Lucey Graham Ainsworth. Rob and Lauren Dellheim Ainsworth gave birth to Lucey on January 12, 2010. She weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Joanne is particularly tickled by the name since Lucey was her maiden name. Lucey's great grandparents, Janet and Jack Lucey, raised four girls in Twilight on the first level during the 40s and 50s. 🐾

WHOO'S HOO

FROM *Amanda Gordon Fletcher*

In October 2009 Alice and John Gordon traveled to San Francisco to celebrate son Nick's 30th birthday. They were joined on the trip by daughter Amanda Gordon Fletcher and granddaughter Elizabeth (3). Son-in-law Fletch and new grandson Alexander held down the fort in Des Moines, Iowa.

San Francisco is truly "Twilight West" these days. Alice and John hosted a joint birthday celebration for three Twilighters: Nick Gordon, Mike Martocci and Will Peters. ♡



Amanda, Fletch and big sister Elizabeth are thrilled to introduce Alexander Reed Ruan Fletcher, born on May 26, 2009.



Alice, John, Nick and Elizabeth at Point Lobos in San Francisco.



Clockwise from left: Nicole Flowers Martocci, Chris Sweetland, Nick Gordon, Will Peters, Alice Gordon, John Gordon, Greg Peters, Amanda Gordon Fletcher, Mike Martocci and Hannah Osier.

FROM *Sarah Cummings Post*

We (Posts and Hensons) had a great time with Tom and Carol Cummings for New Year's in Vero Beach, Florida. There were many exciting activities including watching Papatom mow his 15-acre minifarm with the new tractor, taking the kids for rides on the Gator, feeding the fish in their pond and saying hello to the cows.

Later in the week Bob and Sarah Post along with all the Hensons, Chris, Laura, Emma, Sarah and Carter met up with Katie and Christine Cummings in Orlando for a few days of magic with Disney. After a quick trip to the outlets to buy long johns, hats, gloves and jackets we were prepared for our visits to the Magic Kingdom with its record breaking cold temperatures. Did not matter... everyone had a ball! Here is a picture of the whole group in front of Cinderella's Castle. ♡



Front row from left: Sarah and Emma Henson. Back Row from left: Christine Cummings, Laura Henson, Christopher Henson, Carter Henson, Katie Cummings, Sarah Post, Bob Post

OBITUARY

HILLARD HOMMEL

Hillard Hommel, retired superintendent of Twilight Park in Haines Falls, died Thursday, March 4, 2010 in St. Peters Hospital in Albany.

He was a lifetime resident of Haines Falls. Born on April 7, 1927, his parents were Arthur and Lillian (Brower) Hommel. He married Justine (Legg) Hommel on June 11, 1944.

He worked as a carpenter until 1969 when he became the superintendent of Twilight Park where he acted in that position until his retirement in 1998. His life there was challenging but satisfying and provided him with years of happy memories. After his retirement he enjoyed working with wood in his workshop. He always enjoyed trips he and his wife took in the U. S. and Canada.

Hillard was active in the community. He was a co-founder of the People in Haines Falls, an organization that focused on improving the appearance of Haines Falls.

He was a member of the Kaaterskill United Methodist Church and served in several positions on the board and was a lay speaker. He was a charter member of the Haines Falls Fire Company where he was an active member and was the fire chief in the 1960s. He was honored as Grand Marshall of the 2009 Greene County Firemen's Convention.

Family survivors are his wife, Justine, and sons; Artie and wife Patti, and Nathan and wife, Sherry. He was predeceased by son, Mark, and two brothers, Charles and Scott. He is also survived by his brother, Francis, (Harm) Hommel of Winter Haven, FL and a sister, Barbara and three grandsons, Mark, Jason and Zachary, and many nephews and nieces and grand nephews and nieces.

Calling hours will be March 9 at the Aston-Basagic Funeral Home in Hunter at 2 to 4 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral will be held at the United Methodist Church in Haines Falls at 11 a.m. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Kaaterskill United Methodist Church, the Haines Falls Fire Company or the Tannersville Rescue Squad. ♡

Deborah Allen

Cottages for Rent: Summer 2010

This is a first listing of cottages available for rent as of February 1, 2010. Other cottages may come on the rental market so be sure to talk to Joanne Ainsworth, Marketing Representative for Twilight Park.

AULT	July 1 – 31 or	\$4,300	
	August 1 – 31	\$4,300	
BARISH/STERRETT	June 27 – July 31	\$4,800	
	August 1 – 14	\$2,400	
	Extension to 8/21	1,200	
BEHLKE	July 1 – 31	\$4,800	RENTED
	August 1 – 31	\$4,800	RENTED
COBB (no pets)	August 1 – August 31	\$4,800	
DAVIES	July 1 – 31 or	\$3,800	
	August 1 – 31	\$3,800	
J. DAYTON (no pets)	July 1 – 31	TBD	
DECKER	July 1 – 31	\$4,500	
	August 1 – 31	\$4,500	
JANEWAY	July 1 – 31	\$2,750	
	August 2 – September 1	\$2,750	
MACK	August 1 – 31	\$3,000	
POREMBA	July 1 – 31	\$2,800	
	August 1 – 31	\$2,800	
WEST/WILLIAMS	July 1 – 31	TBD	

- 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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Twilight Cottagers Fire Reserve Fund Portfolio 2009 Status Report

portfolio total assets under management, specialty funds comprised 5.1 %, and the remaining 36.1 % 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 12.0 % for its 13 ¼ years of existence, solidly above our annual target to date. The fund has earned \$329,090 from inception on October 2, 1996, for a total return from inception of 156.6 %. (Initial investment capital was \$210,204 as of 10/2/1996)

The investment subcommittee, composed of members Ron Peters, Skip Pratt, John Campbell and I, 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 to caution you that past performance is no guarantee of future results. 

John R. Gordon

Chairman, Investment Subcommittee

Summer Camp 2010

2010 Summer Children's Program:
July 5 – August 13

Plan your summer accordingly. Due to staffing schedules we will be offering the summer program one week later this year. We will have two groups again, ages 3-6 and 6+.

If you have any recommendations for programming, please contact Anne Mack at amack00@gmail.com.

More info to come in March. Check the website for details. 

Anne Mack