



THE TWILIGHT OWL

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Seeking Replacement Owl Editor

The current Owl editor will be taking a maternity leave for the summer of 2010. All budding editors are welcome to apply for this most prestigious position. May be temp-to-permanent, depending on the interest of the new editor (and the disposition of the newest owlet).

While we welcome seasoned editors, this is a wonderful opportunity for a young journalist wishing to gain experience and build a resume for those college applications!

Contact Annie Braunstein at 589-6284 or anniebraunstein@gmail.com for more information.

Third Annual Lila Memhard Award Dinner Saturday, September 12, 2009

Cash bar at 6:00; Dinner at 7:00
Villa Vosilla, Route 23A, Tannersville

The Haines Falls Free Library will be holding its third annual Lila Memhard Award Dinner. Twilight's own **J.B. Price** will be honored this year for his many years of dedication, thoughtful counsel and unwavering support of the library.

Tickets are \$30 per person
RSVP by September 7

Drop your check by the Library or call
Ellen Manfredi at 589-6391

Events at a Glance

Saturday, September 5

10:30 am – All Angels Auxiliary Meeting – Melina Fisher cottage
5:00 pm – Labor Day barbecue at the Clubhouse

Sunday, September 6

All Angels Annual Meeting – During regular Sunday Services

Tuesday, September 8

Pool closes for the season

Saturday, September 12

6:00 pm – Lila Memhard Award Dinner at the Villa Vosilla

Message from the Super

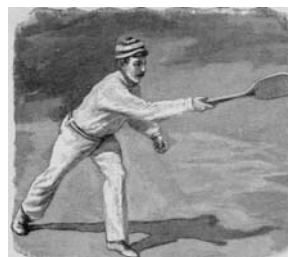
The Board has graciously given the Town of Hunter fire companies permission to use the Golf Course for the ending of this year's Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Parade. The parade route will be through Haines Falls on the afternoon of Saturday, September 12. For the duration of the parade (1:30 to 4:00), Route 23A will be closed from Tannersville to Sunset Road. The lower level entrance, however, will be open to anyone wishing to go down the mountain.

I will be at the Golf Course for the duration of the parade in case of an emergency in Twilight and to help with parking, etc. If you have any questions, feel free to call me. And please stop by, the parade and festivities are open to the public.

Nathan Hommel

Tennis Shorts

Tucker Dayton Takes the Chamberlin Bowl



Incredible tennis! The Chamberlin Bowl at Onteora was played all in one day. Sunday was absolutely beautiful, and tennis was an all-day event. The mens' draw began at 8:00 a.m. and was finally finished at 6:00 p.m. There were twelve

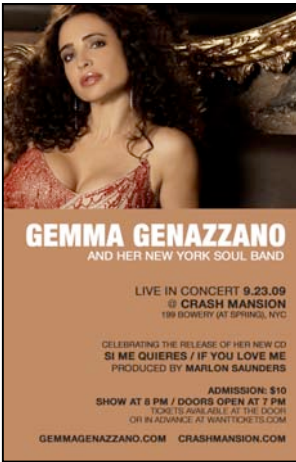
participants. The young prevailed. After several rounds of eight-game pro sets, we ended up with Sam Gray and **Tucker Dayton** in the finals. What a finals it was! Three sets with a tie-break for the last set. Sam prevailed in the first set, with Tucker taking the second. The last set was a nail biter right down to the bitter end, with Tucker winning in the tie-break. Both young men should be very proud of themselves. The tennis was spectacular.

Calling all men! Please sign up for the Coster Cup coming up this Labor Day weekend. This is the final culmination of a great tennis season. If you are not a player, please stop by the courts on Saturday and Sunday to watch some fabulous men's doubles!

Gemma Genazzano CD Release Party

Wednesday, September 23, at 8 pm

Crash Mansion, 199 Bowery (@ Spring), New York City
Doors open at 7 pm. Dinner available.



Just back from her summer tour in Spain, **Gemma Genazzano** will be celebrating the release of her Latin/ Soul CD *Si Me Quieres/ If You Love Me* at the Crash Mansion in NYC.

The event will feature her full 10-piece NY band with Gemma's co-writer **Greg Dayton** on guitar and special guest indie soul artist Marlon Saunders (singer for Sting, Bobby McFerrin's Voicestra, Billy Joel, and Michael

Jackson, among others).

The CD has received worldwide acclaim and has been officially registered for Best Female Pop Album and Album of the Year for the 2009 Latin Grammys! The video for *Take Me Away* is now airing on *HBO Latino* and *HBO Zone*, while the songs are being played on radio from BBC in the UK to Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Puerto Rico, Brazil and the US. *All About Jazz* compares her to Sade and Donna Summer, while *Echoes* magazine in the UK calls her a "Latin/ Soul goddess..."

The live show is not to be missed! It will be a spectacular event and will be a great place for Twilights to get together and hear great music in the city!

Tickets (\$10) are available in advance at:

www.wantickets.com/EventDetail.aspx?e_id=71111

To hear tracks from the CD visit:

www.gemmagenazzano.com

For more information about Crash Mansion, visit

www.crashmansion.com or call (212) 982-0740

Found

- Small Japanese dipping bowl with crackled glaze finish. Left at Ladies' Night at the Gooder cottage.
- Oval serving platter.

Call Sandy Gooder at 589-5869 to claim.

News from the All Angels Vestry

Please join us for **Lemonade on the Lawn** every Sunday following the worship service. All are welcome! Even if you have not come for worship, please feel free to stop by to say hello over a glass of lemonade and some cookies! I appreciate those who have volunteered to set up our lemonade socials. The social for September 6 will be hosted by John and Joanne Ainsworth.

Welcome to our visiting ministers – The Rev. Patty Welch will be conducting our last service of the season, Sunday, September 6. She is Chaplain of the Cathedral School and an associate with the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. She and her family live in New York City.

The All Angels Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 6. The meeting will be conducted during the announcements period. Each committee member is asked to give a brief report. The Vestry will meet briefly after the Lemonade Social on September 6, as well.

The last Vestry meeting of the year will be held on October 10, Survivors' Weekend.

Thinking ahead to Christmas – Our Lessons and Carols service last year was well received, so we are going to plan another one this year. We will set a date and location and post the information on the website to keep you informed.

Doug Hulse
Senior Warden

News from the All Angels Auxiliary

The Auxiliary will meet at the home of Melina Martocci-Fisher on Saturday, September 5, at 10:30 am. We will sum up our year of work, discuss the needs at the Rectory and plan for Season 2010. All are welcome!

I would like to convey my appreciation to all of my Auxiliary members who so diligently devote their time and energy to planning activities throughout the summer. I also want to thank our Twilights who attend our benefits and social gatherings that support our beloved Rectory. As I like to say -- Angels do exist but they don't always have wings. These angels are called **friends**. Thank you, my dear friends, for all of your help and support!

Karen Hulse
Auxiliary President

A Run Through Twilight Park

Ellen Gibson McGinnis

The following piece is my "thank-you" to Twilight Park. Our August sojourn in the Park was completely wonderful, and we are looking forward to coming back next year.

I hate to run. Lots of people have heard me say this over the years. I come from a family of runners. I remember my grandfather telling stories of his brother, Joe Clark, a great long-distance runner in the late 1930's. My parents took up running during the early days of the jogging craze in the 1970's – Mom ran a 10K while 7 months pregnant in 1978, wearing a t-shirt with the word "Mom" on it and an arrow pointing up from her belly. Both of them finished the NYC marathon; Dad ran it twice. All my brothers ran in school. Bob's poetic essay for his college application, about a snowy nighttime run, helped get him into Harvard. Jim was a state champion, ran in the Olympic trials for the steeplechase, and garnered lots of long-distance records at Yale.

So, when I was in high school, I signed up for the track team. All season long, I spent each school day dreading practice. I realized, when I thought about it, that the actual running wasn't that bad, but it was not something I looked forward to. After two years, I quit the team and signed up to be the stats recorder, so I could still go to the meets (where my brothers, of course, were winning races). Later in life, I took up running from time to time. When I lived in New York City, running was pretty easy and efficient. New York makes it simple: 20 uptown blocks to a mile, interesting sights and people along the way, not many hills. But it didn't stick, especially in the heat of Dallas, my next residence.

My husband runs. In his one and only marathon, he finished at 2:38. He does triathlons. I did other things. Worked out on the rowing machine at the gym, played some squash, took up cycling. Every now and then I'd go out on a run. I wished I could like it. It's so easy to run, just put on shoes and go out the door.

My 9-year-old son got interested in running, admiring his dad, as he does. We bought him some running shoes, and I decided to encourage him by running with him. We had a cool July in Baltimore this year, so it was comfortable when Patrick and I would head out in the evening to attempt the hilly route in our neighborhood. His pace suited me, and we ran-walked together. I mapped the runs on mapmyrun.com, so we could appreciate how far we went. Sometimes I ran without him, but each time I had to talk myself into it.

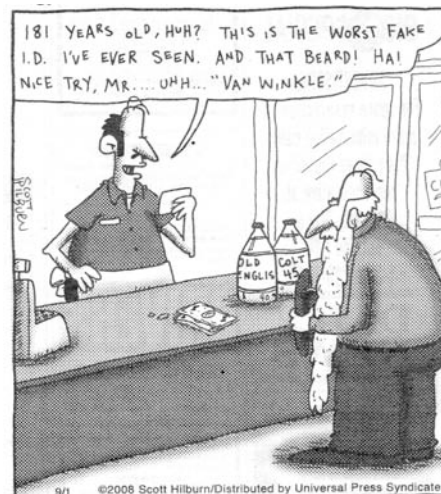
Then, on August 1, we arrived in Twilight Park for the month. Each morning the sun rising over the mountain woke me while the world was still quiet. The air was cool and inviting, there was plenty of time before work

would call or the kids would need me, so I tied the laces of my running shoes and headed out. Soon, I was compelled to run. If I didn't go in the morning, I would find time in the middle of the day, or in the late afternoon. The course started flat, turned into some fierce hills, then flattened again, and I created a 30-minute loop. There was something about it, with peaceful woods, the sounds of creeks and waterfalls, and shady, slow roads, that turned a chore into an activity I craved. Whether the sun was shining or rain was falling, whether Patrick decided to join me or not, I ran.

Late in the month, I talked to my sister in L.A., the one Mom was pregnant with in 1978. She finished a 5K with a group of friends, for fun, after putting it off several times. To her surprise, she finished third in her age group. I do come from a family of runners.

The last few days we spent in Twilight, it rained. It poured. We built a fire and played endless games of cards. We reveled in being lazy. We packed to go home. Sunday dawned with the rain finished, the sun over the mountain waking me up to a bright, cool morning. So I ran.

As I stepped outside, all I could hear was the rush of water. Everywhere I ran, I heard it. I departed my usual route and peeked at Santa Cruz Falls – it was almost frightening to see and hear how much water poured over, creating a rainbow in the glinting light. I kept going, leaving one cascade of sound behind as I approached the next. It was mystical and calm, and I felt as though I could run forever. I veered off to the tennis porch to catch a glimpse of Haines Falls, then wound my way back to our view of Kaaterskill from the deck of the house. I wanted to keep running.



Courtesy of The Phantom Comic

Hersey News

Rob Hersey just returned from a three-week trip across Europe. He backpacked through Spain, France, Germany, Italy and Amsterdam with two of his friends. In the spring, he graduated from Pratt Institute, with high honors and degrees in graphic design and art directorship. He has been working for MTV and doing a lot of freelance work. **Jonathan**, 13 years old, is having a great Twilight summer. He spends most days at the pool and Fawn's Leap with his Dad. Jonathan's Leap total stands at 248 leaps as of this date. The Herseys are looking forward to a beautiful fall in Twilight and will be up most weekends.



Fawns Leap with Herseys, Daytons, Wilsons and Foughys

Free to a Good Home

If nature abhors a vacuum, then nature would be right at home in my house! Even though we purged a lot of belongings out of our house and on to our family, there are some items that I still cannot use in our house up here. I have a beautiful arrangement that I bought from our local nursery in Princeton that just does not fit anywhere in our house in Jewett. It was originally made as a Christmas centerpiece but it can be used all year around, and it would look wonderful in this part of the world. It stands about 30" high, composed with spruce branches, berries, and what appear to be olive branches. It is arranged in a neutral green glazed ceramic urn. It is quite striking and not the typical holly-evergreen holiday arrangement. Before I take it to sell at the second hand shop in Hudson, I decided to extend an invitation for anyone here to adopt the centerpiece. I will be back and forth to Twilight over the next few weeks and can bring the centerpiece with me any time.

Karen Hulse

Christen News

This August, **Kate Christen's** co-edited volume, *Elephants and Ethics: Toward a Morality of Coexistence*, received a 2009 Smithsonian Institution Secretary's Research Prize. These pan-Smithsonian prizes recognize excellence in recent research by the Institution's employees. *Elephants and Ethics* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008) assembles an international cohort of authors to review the history of human-elephant relations, explore current issues regarding elephant welfare, and assess prospects for ethical human-elephant coexistence, to promote understanding of the cultural, conservation, and economic difficulties underlying many human-elephant interactions. The award was a happy bit of news for Kate and **Peter** to receive upon their return from Mongolia and Beijing, where they participated in the annual conference of the International Association of Conservation Biologists, of which Kate is a Board member.

Meanwhile, **John Reeve**, **Barbara Christen Reeve's** husband and a professor at ADFA in Canberra, has a Fellowship to do research on his current book at Cambridge University for the spring semester. Barbara and John will be in Cambridge from February through June and plan to take the long way home to Australia in order to visit in Twilight at the start of the summer.

Suzanne Christen is home again in Princeton following a conference in Rome sponsored by the Institute of Advanced Studies there.

In August, **Dr. Ian Cook**, his wife **Hallie**, and their two little girls, **Natalie** and **Abigail**, came east from LA, where Ian is on the faculty of UCLA, to visit with his Dad, **Charles Cook**, and **Barbara Christen** in Connecticut. Among other things, the girls were delighted by the daily visits of a deer family with two frisky fawns, and a Great Blue Heron.

Thank You from Sandy Truesdell

I would like to thank Gracia, Meg, Rachel, Annie, Laura, Judith, Sandy, Sarah, Elda, Melina, Barbara, Brenda, Susan, Deborah, Johna, Dawn, Kathy, Lizzy, Ellen, Katie, Caroline, Grace, Suzanne, and Kim for coming to the bridal shower and for all the wonderful gifts. (Please forgive me if I've forgotten anyone – I may have had too much of that pink punch.) Extra thanks to Dawn and Kathy for organizing the bridal shower. The bridal shower was wonderful. You all make me feel like I am part of Twilight Park.

Sandy

(Editor's note: Sandy, you ARE a part of Twilight!)

Positive Acclaim for Andrew Swanson's New Play

A new play, *Moonshiner*, by playwright and Twilghter



Andrew Burden Swanson has earned positive acclaim in Chicago. Andrew, a resident playwright of the Jackalope Theatre Company, has written his second full-length drama, which follows a man trapped between the lengthening arm of the law and the mountainous obstacle of his own guilt.

Justin Hayford of the *Chicago Reader* says, "...Swanson finds myriad compelling psychological nuances in his dead-end characters, and Menary coaxes rich, understated performances from his lead actors.... Only 21, Swanson seems fated for greatness."

Tom Williams of *ChicagoCritic* writes, "... The development of Andrew Burden Swanson as a storyteller and playwright is on track towards making this young man into a writer of note. *Moonshiner* is a first-class play deserving of an audience. A new voice is beginning to be heard."

For more information, visit www.jackalopetheatre.org.

(Not So) Long Ago in Twilight

25 Years Ago: June 30, 1984

Welcome to Debbie and Joe Gelmis on the birth of their daughter. Normandy Gelmis was born on D-Day this year!!!

Tennis News: ... Lessons are available at \$5 per half hour, \$10 per full hour.

40 Years Ago: June 20, 1969

Park Prattle: Welcome to Russell's new sister, Ann, who spends a great deal of time cruising the Park streets where she sometimes meets the other young lady cruiser, Michelle Abry.

Swimming Pool Opening: ... This year we are also happy to announce, especially for our younger ladies, that wearing swimming hats is no longer required.... Another unpopular rule requiring showers before entering the pool has also been eliminated. Our cool mountain climate makes this rule impractical as well as uncomfortable.

25 – Of Happiness: Justine and Hillard Hommel celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this month, and the occasion was noted by a group of friends with a dinner at the Pratt's. Fillet of Beef, wine, Champaign and lots of music kept things hopping and happy. Congratulations to the Hommels!

Summer Memories

Many thanks to Sandy Truesdell for these wonderful photos! To see them in color, view the Owl online at www.twilightpark.com.

