

CASTLE PARK



The Banner

Fall 2017

Celebrating 75 Years of Heaven on Earth

During this summer Dave Carr and Cathy Clark hosted a wonderful party at Ebenezer's Barn to celebrate the family's 75th anniversary of cottage ownership at Castle Park. Everyone enjoyed hearing about the family history and viewing Carr Family photos. Cathy provides us with further insight about their Castle Park adventures...

In June, 1942, Mr. Brown called our father, Everett Carr, and said the Campbells were selling their cottage and why don't we buy it. We had been renting since 1936. For two years we had rented what is now the Wade cottage so we had walked past the cottage many times but had never been inside.

Cottages seldom came on the market in those days so my father said yes.

After the sale was completed we came up to see it. It was not in good shape. The bathroom was on the first floor. There were four bedrooms upstairs and in two rooms the walls did not go to the ceiling.

When we had rented in prior years it was from the middle of July to the middle of August, so we had never been there for the horse show or the Labor Day barbecue. That summer of 1942 was the first summer we were able to stay all summer – "It was one of the best summers of my life at the Park", says Cathy Clarke. "Because of the waiters (college boys hired to work at the Castle hotel) there were more young men than young women – great for the girls! Never had to worry about having a date!"

There were dances every Tuesday and Saturday and after the dance we often would go to

Saugatuck to the Old Pavilion, a dancehall that later burned down. The summer of 1942 was one of mixed emotions – lots of fun, but we could not escape the fact that many of the men at Castle Park were about to head off to war.

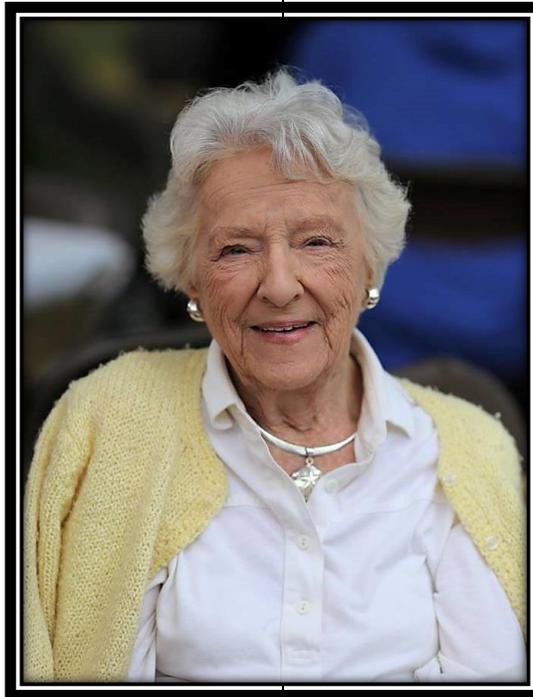
We originally found Castle Park because of the King Sisters, three maiden ladies who owned what is now the Zeller cottage. They invited my parents to Castle Park for tulip time in May. My parents loved Castle Park and rented the Earle cottage which stood where the Parkers' cottage now stands.

It was such a different time. The only phone was in a phone booth in the Castle Hotel lobby. The grocery from Central Park came five times a week – they took your order in the morning, and delivered groceries in the afternoon. If you were out, they put the perishables in the

refrigerator. The laundry and ice man all came to the cottages – you really didn't have to leave the Park.

We feel very fortunate to have been able to spend every summer in Castle Park since 1942 and have many wonderful memories and wonderful friends!

Cathy Clarke and Dave Carr



For more family history....turn the page..

In 1907 **Charles Pennington** and wife Edith came to Castle Park...they had no electricity or running water...Ruth (Allison) joined them in 1948 and remembers running down to the Castle to pump the needed water. Meals were served at the castle. Assigned tables!!! Great service!!! We were treated like royalty! Ruth's mother Dorothy Pennington was very humble and was the park cheerleader! She loved everything and everyone in Castle Park. Ruth's father, Willis, worked with Carter Brown on building tables, church bird houses, and the warming area down by the paddle tennis courts.

William Henry Rea first went to CP in 1904 as a guest of his sister-in-law. The Rea family rented the Earle cottage where the Parker cottage now sits for years before building Tanglewood (now the Keehn cottage) in 1921. Mary Rea's son (Bill Rea's grandson), Colin, who stood up at his parent's wedding on the Dance Dune, became 6th generation.

The **Nobel** clan has owned and occupied 6711 Bryant for 100 years! Maude Younglove, Platt Nobel's grandmother, bought the cottage in 1917. The sixth generation, Harry & Annie Kourtz, and Baby Nobel (due to arrive in November), all have enjoyed the cottage overlooking the south tennis courts.

Grandma (Gertrude) and Sandy **Wilcox** started bringing their 3 girls, Barbara, Rosemary, and Patricia, to Castle Park when they were young (in the late 1930s/40s). They rented various properties around the park (currently Shuster, Meyer, Vahey, Shepard) then Gertrude purchased "Hill Top" by the Amphitheater in the 60's. She made sure that her daughters came up for summers with their families:

Barbara & David **Amberg** with John, Steve, and Julie Rosey & Jim **Dickerson** with Sandy, Dan, and Weezie Pat & Mike **Fansler** with Katie, Susan, and Julie

In the early years, the Fanslers were in Stibbs rentals which are currently the Argyropoulos, Meyer, and McLeod cottages. Grandma Wilcox believed that "children should read during the summer" so she started a children's library up in her cottage, open to all, complete with bookshelves categorized by author (fiction) and even the Dewey decimal system for non-fiction titles. Books were checked out and returned just like a public library, with teen helpers (i.e. Helen Heneveld) assisting. In the 70's the Association built the Annex on to the Meeting House to house the children's library. Barb, Rosey, and Pat ran it for a time before other kind volunteers stepped up.

The fourth generation of Wilcoxes (Chris, Callie, and Katherine **Wade**) now call "Hill Top" home.

Five generations of **Steketees** have enjoyed Castle Park for almost 100 years! It all began when Eugene & Nella Steketeer visited Castle Park in the 20's and rented in the 30's. Eugene's father had a summer home on Black Lake.

Friends of Carter Brown, Eugene and Nella also spent time in Tryon, NC. In 1945 they purchased property on South Hill from Carter Brown and Paul McLean. The cottage was built in 1946-1947. The Steketees doubled up on their Castle Park connections when second generation Bob married Peggy Hibbard! Now fifteen of Nella and Eugene's great, great grandchildren have enjoyed the wonders of Castle Park.

Sally Shuster writes:

It is a surprise to many but my Dad has a much longer relationship with the park than my Mom did. My dad started working for Carter Brown when he was in his teens. He helped with maintenance, play class, and was a singing waiter. He is at least partly responsible for the waiters song. My grandparents bought the cottage in the early 50's when my mother was already an adult. Of course, Katy, Jim and I spend most of our Augusts there growing up. With Alex getting married there is summer, that makes 4 generations of the **Roberts/Shuster clan** in CP. (with 3 generations at the wedding).

The **Frye Family** first started coming to Castle Park in the 20's. Family legend has it that my grandfather, Newton Phillips Frye, (Newt) met Carter Brown on the trolley in Chicago. They started talking and developed a life-long friendship that brought the Frye Family to Castle Park (and also to Tryon, North Carolina).

The Fryes (Newt, Esther and her mother) rented from the Castle for many summers - including my father, Newton Phillips Frye, Jr "Phil", and Marilyn Frye). They were either in Pine Cliff or Hillside (I don't recall) and the Goeltz Family (Carolyn "Bebe" Goelitz Blossom, Mary Goelitz, Marilyn Goelitz Hoyer and a brother) were in the other cottage. And a treasured friendship was developed between the Blossoms and the Fryes.

The Sr. Fryes went on to stay in the round room at the Castle for many summers. They never owned a cottage. The Jr. Frye's ... Phil, his wife, Pat, and their children ... Pam, Phil III, Peter and Scott stayed in almost every Castle cottage over the years but eventually ended up renting Ebenezer's Barn for the first two weeks of August for years. It was noted by Jean Nobel that "it must be August because the Frye's are here!" When the Castle ceased being a hotel, Phil Jr. became a "caretaker" for Bud George. They had been childhood friends and since Bud lived abroad and this was his only US residence, his cottage benefited both parties ... The George cottage was looked after and the Frye family had a place to go!

In 1994, Pam Frye **Holmes**, Peter Frye, Scott Frye and their families bought Jim Dickerson's cottage. Another part of the Frye saga.... Jim Dickerson's cottage was right next door to the Gielow's. Bob Gielow was Pam's godfather and was also a childhood friend of Phil Jr. It was only fitting that the Fryes and Gielows became neighbors. The cottage was sold in 2014 but that doesn't mean that Castle Park was lost.... it's a state of mind and a treasured haven for friendships, sunsets, traditions, and lovely memories. So on to other generations to carry on what Carter and Marion and Newt and Esther started all those many years ago for the Fryes. Thank you all.

Ricket, Racket!

~Pam Frye Holmes

It's a Dog's Life in Castle Park

Written by Jim Bamborough for his son Scott in the 1980s

Jim Bamborough wrote several stories related to the Castle Park area of an imaginary dog named Schnifelsnoff who had adventures in the park.

On a warm, sunny Saturday in July there was a great excitement because the Castle Park Dog Show was scheduled for 10 a.m. All over the park dogs had been combed and brushed. Some had new collars of red or green. Tank and Tara even had their names and telephone numbers imprinted on their collars. Other had on new neckerchiefs. Schnifelsnoff had Scott help him with a bath so that he would look his best.

Harry Barker, who directs his master's driving from his spot in the back of the red pickup truck, had arranged for his master, Jeff Dyke, to move the wooden folding chairs to the lawn near the Castle Park baseball diamond. There were at least forty chairs in a large circle.

Starting about 9:30 a.m., the contestants started to gather. Each dog had his master on a leash so that it would be an orderly show. The judge of the show was Marietta, the lady that Tank and Tara live with. She is an expert because she has raised many chocolate Labrador retrievers and had worked for Dr. Schmidt, the best veterinarian in the area. Marietta had brought a large box filled with milkbone biscuits, each tied with a red ribbon.

The first part of the show was the grand parade with each dog leading his master or mistress by the leash, all, that is, except Hightops, the beagle puppy belonging to Catherine and Philip. Hightops was only 6 weeks old and this was a brand new experience for him. He didn't care to be so close to the big dogs who might step on him by mistake. So instead of Hightops leading Catherine, Catherine was leading him. Hightops sometime "put his brake on" just to let her know he wasn't having fun. All of the dogs paraded around the circle three times and then sat down for the final judging. As each category was announced, several dogs came to the judge. Some categories, such as the dog with the longest tail or shortest tail, required careful measurement before the winner could be chosen. Some of the awards were: (cont. on pg 4)

It was the year 1895 when **Edward Frederick Hamm and Sarah Meek Hamm** first arrived in Castle Park. They hailed from Winnetka, Illinois and it is believed that they were friends of Marion and Carter Brown. They eventually had five children. Fred Hamm, Dorothy (Dot) Hamm Robertson, Martha Hamm Butler, Harriet Hamm Stevens and Pete Hamm. The family continued to spend summers in Castle Park, all while renting various cottages along the way.

In 1935, Sarah Hamm bought what is now The Bellis/Stevens Cottage between Hibbard Hall and Dick & Susan Muzzy's. The following year Dorothy (Dot) and her husband, Homer Robertson, purchased what is now the Hoye Cottage. They lived there until it was sold in 1986.

After the death of Sarah, The Bellis/Stevens Cottage was given to her daughters, Martha Butler and Harriet Stevens. They shared the cottage for many years, always returning with their families for long summers. To this day, the cottage is still shared between the two families.

Martha's Offspring

Blair Butler married to Jim Bellis

Children: Jimmy (Patti) Bellis,

Tinker (Gil) Judson, and Martha (Jim) Gregg

Judy Butler Knutsen

Harriet's Offspring

Caroline Stevens Forbes

Children: Erick and Lisa

Tom Stevens

Children: Jeff (Tanya), Faye, Galen

Amongst this family, there are nine 5th Generation children who continue to enjoy our beloved Castle Park.

The Long Way Back:

The Bosch Family Castle Park History

The Bosch Family's association with Castle Park began in the 1940's. As with many owners, it all started with friendships. Randall Bosch (Bubby) the grandfather of the present day Philip Bosch, was a business owner in Holland. He and his wife Marthena were good friends with Castle Park owners, the Henry Maentz family. They were also friends with Professor McLean, the then co-owner of the Castle Park Hotel.

Of course, like all of us, they were immediately captivated by the charm of this magical place. In 1947 they bought a cottage from Alfred Pittman, a Publisher for the Christian Science Monitor. At the time of the purchase, the Steketee family had been renters of the cottage.

The Bosch Family, including five children, Randy, Ted, Mary, Dave, and Marthena loved the summers they spent at the cottage they named "The Four Winds and the Seven B's." One of those "Seven B's" was Phil's father. Eventually, Bubby passed away and his second wife sold the cottage in 1977. After 30 years of ownership, the Bosch cottage was sold to the Littlejohn's, a wonderful family who most of you know well.

That would have been the end of the Bosch association with Castle Park if it were not for one fateful event in the summer of 1993. Planning to attend an anniversary party at Point West for his aunt and uncle, Phil decided he wanted to show his Californian wife, Mary, the place of so many of his boyhood memories. Phil made arrangements with his aunt to stay at the Pennington Cottage. The Pennington's had been long time friends with Phil's Grandparents. Well, the rest is history. Mary loved Castle Park. Their children were enchanted. Since then his family has made the trek out to Castle Park from California every summer.

And the story ends happily ever after. After many years of looking for the "right" cottage, Phil decided maybe he should just build the "right" cottage. With the recent purchase of a lot in Indian Pipe Circle, Phil and Mary are looking forward to building a cottage in the woods, where one day, they too will have grandchildren who will consider Castle Park the best place on earth.

Castle Park Dogs (cont. from pg. 3)

Best trained: the spaniel who was dressed for a workout in his Castle Park sweatshirt and U. of M. bloomers
Most clever: Socks, the black and white Australian sheepdog who can walk on three legs since he is lame in one leg
Most unusual color: Matilda, the gray and black Australian sheepdog who takes care of Helbings' ranch
Best costume: Holly, dressed as a pirate with eye patch, hat, striped shirt and dagger
Best coiffure (hair-do): Pootchette, the Cairn terrier
Largest look-alike dogs: Sebaca and Tundra, the white Alsatians
Small look-alike dogs: Pootchette and Pepper, the Cairn terriers
Best groomed: Beau, the cocker with a special haircut
Tallest dog: the Russian wolfhound
Curliest coat: Kelly, the golden retriever
Smallest dog: Hightops, the beagle puppy
Bushiest tail: Harry Barker
Best guard dog: My Ty, the German Shepard
Most unusual: Schnifelsnoff
Cuddliest: Nicky, the little gray poodle
Friendliest: Tank, the chocolate lab
Best tricks: Tara, the chocolate lab
Prettiest eyes: Susie, the tan and white collie mix
Most clever: Socks, the black and white Australian sheepdog who can walk on three legs since he is lame in one leg



Well, those are just some of the awards. But you can be sure that each dog won an award and most ate their awards instead of saving them. It was a great day for all the dogs in Castle Park.

NEWS FROM THE CPA BOARD...

Website ~ Under Mary Ireland's guidance, we now have a new, more interactive website. Click [HERE](#) to access the new website. Use your own username (email address) and password to gain access to the member's site.

- Members have the ability to post news on the website. That news can now be directly delivered to the membership via email — making it easy to get information out.
- For those of you who don't use Facebook, the website also includes the feed from Facebook and will show anything that anyone posts to the Castle Park Facebook page.
- The site also includes all directory information and provides the ability for members to update their own information.
- We will be able to register and pay for burger broils and playclass next summer.

Beach Protection ~ Dick Shepard, chair of the beach committee, recommended that the CPA protect the bank by the Castle Beach from the ravages of winter. The board voted to join in the team effort of lake front cottage owners in installing a Geotube system to protect the shoreline and prevent further erosion of the hillside next to Castle Beach. The project should be completed by early November before the winter winds blow. Matt Larue is coordinating the effort from an engineering and construction standpoint.

Trees ~ A team of CPA members who are concerned about our aging tree population assembled a report and recommendations for the board to consider regarding tree maintenance on Castle Park property. Having lost a few trees on private property this summer certainly highlights the importance of staying on top of the condition of our trees. Our managers continue to be vigilant in our tree care and will monitor our trees with safety and aesthetics in mind.

Commercial Property ~ As you may know, Bob Lamar, who owns a storage facility just north of 146th on 66th, is trying to sell his property. Wade Eldean of Macatawa has executed a purchase agreement with Lamar in order to relocate much of his boat storage facility from Macatawa. Wade's application for a Special Use Permit has resulted in the Laketown Township Planning Commission to not only deny the SUP application but also to recommend that the parcel be rezoned from C2 to R2 meaning that any new owner could not use the property for commercial purposes. It was also recommended that two other commercially zoned properties in the vicinity be converted to residential. Martha Laughna communicated with the township that the Castle Park Association supports the rezoning efforts. Stay tuned. To follow the proceedings of the Laketown Township Planning Commission click [HERE](#).

Ask the Historian

By Ernie Kelly

(A semi-regular feature of the Banner wherein the author attempts to answer those questions which he cannot otherwise dodge, deflect or dismiss.)

Question: What is the story of rail service to Castle Park, also known as the "Interurban"

First, the "interurban" is really a generic term and not the name of a particular train line. In the late 1890's and early 1900's there were hundreds of interurban lines connecting smaller and larger cities across much of America east of the Mississippi, including western Michigan.

At that time people (including tourists) who desired to come to western Michigan were predominantly arriving via steamship from Chicago or Milwaukee and landing in cities like Holland and Grand Rapids. In those days, there were no easy land routes or roads to the beaches. In the ensuing years, this would all change due to the burgeoning popularity of the private automobile and the subsequent development of the highway system. Back then, if you wanted to get to Macatawa or Saugatuck, which were becoming popular recreation areas, you were going to have to transfer to a smaller passenger boat or some type of horse drawn vehicle to go the final miles to your destination. Interurban rail lines were a part of the perceived solution to this problem.

The Holland interurban rail system originally started in downtown Holland (8th street) and continued to Macatawa. It was built by the Holland & Lake Michigan Electric Railway Company in 1897 and opened for business (freight and passengers) in the summer of 1898. Meanwhile rights of way were being secured for an extension southward to Saugatuck via a rail line from the midpoint of the Holland to Macatawa route. That line opened for business in the summer of 1899. Later, efforts began to connect Holland to Grand Rapids via rail and that segment opened in 1901. Trips to Grand Rapids ran regularly every 2 hours and the fare was 49 cents.

These railroad lines were all "light gauge" and the cars were essentially what we know as trolleys. In most places their maximum speed was around 8 mph. The opening of these lines caused the resort towns of Macatawa and Saugatuck to grow substantially and become thriving

recreational destinations. Economic booms occurred and drove the building of hotels, dance pavilions, roller coasters and eating establishments.

The interurban came to Castle Park in 1913 when a rail spur was built to create a shortcut between Saugatuck and Macatawa by branching off the main line (roughly today's 64th street) at a point between 141st Ave. and 142nd Ave. At that juncture, the new line swung westerly in a more direct route right between Kelly Lake and the edge of Castle Park before terminating in Macatawa. When the work was completed, Castle Park had a small stop located between what today are the CPA work sheds near the entrance to the park and the Tack House located on the Kelly property. For a while the new rail service helped add to the popularity of Castle Park as a resort.

The short length of South Audubon road in CP is actually the old interurban road bed. It continues until about the Stevens property line where it takes a hard left through the Hope College Biological preserve. Other portions of the old roadbed are noticeable in the woods off of Indian Pipe Circle and parts of the neighboring private road to our north, Kelly Creek Drive. Finally, another portion of the roadbed is just outside of the Park going south on 66th street. Look for the road named "Old Interurban Drive".

Rail service to CP would be short-lived, however. The coming of the automobile would not be denied. Cars and trucks began to eat away at the business and popularity of local rail service. By the mid 1920s, every interurban in Michigan was in the hands of receivers. By 1925 there

were an estimated 4,000 cars in Holland and the various lines in western Michigan were all out of business by 1926. The Grand Rapids, Holland and Chicago Railway (as it was known then) was sold in U. S. District Court for \$227,500. The entire right of way between Grand Rapids and Saugatuck was purchased by Consumers Power. There are now high tension lines along some of those rights of way.



Steve Steketeer looks over two 16 foot interurban rails exhumed from the hill behind the Kelly's Tack House earlier this summer.

Literary Guild Exchanges Books

A small but chipper group gathered at Eb's Barn for the 2017 Book Exchange. After a lengthy round of introductions and historical stories, the following books were exchanged:

The Radium Girls by Kate Moore

Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Swimming Home by Deborah Levy

The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson

Cooking for Picasso by Camille Aubray

Mud Season by Ellen Stimson

Killer by Jonathon Kellerman

Today Will Be Different by Maria Semple

Knowing Your Value (signed) by Mika Brzezinski

Hillbilly Elegy by J.D Vance

It was agreed that ***A Gentleman in Moscow*** by Amir Towles was a great book.

It's a Small World!

Polly Perkins Johnson happened to run into Joe and Gina Jannotta at Casa Dorinda in Santa Barbara, CA



Castle Park Caps Available!

For just \$20 you can look stylish and support the paddle tennis program!

To order please contact Will Kernahan at wkernahan@gmail.com. Hats can be shipped to you in time for the holidays!



Maria & Will Kernahan paid a visit to Rob & Squeeze Wendin (and their two dogs!) at their home in England. Maria was hoping for a ride on Rob's new tractor but he wouldn't allow it.



Yikes! Watch out for falling trees. These came down from behind the Wades cottage on a perfectly calm evening!

David Embraces Blossom Clan and Joins the Family

Sarah Amburgey and David Graber were married in a storybook ceremony in Los Angeles on August 26.

Sarah and David met while working at NBC 4 years ago. They have both moved on to FX and Warner Brothers respectfully but will always be grateful for that coffee station that brought them together

When Sarah brought David to Castle Park for the first time, he was amazed at its beauty. He grew up in London and now lives in LA so he loved CP's open space and friendly people. And, coming from a small family, he was a bit overwhelmed by the Blossom brood. But we're thrilled to have him as a part of our family.



Uphill Climb Continues!

Anne Chamberlin has inspired us all as she battled cancer twice in the past few years. Now she is climbing to the base camp of Mount Everest (over 18,000 feet above sea level!) during an October trek. Click [HERE](#) to read her blog.

SPORTS & LEISURE

Calling All Artists!

Cindy Fuller is interested in organizing a Castle Park art show and sale. Whether it is painting, sculpting, photography, print making, drawing, digital collage, etc. we would love to see your work! More details to come over the winter. A portion of the proceeds will go to help fund the Eb's Barn interior improvements.



First Pitch

Martha Moyer outbid several baseball enthusiasts for the chance to throw out the first pitch at a Tigers game this summer. She reports that she did, in fact, throw a strike but the best part was that the proceeds from the auction benefited Women of Tomorrow, a scholarship/mentor program for Detroit high school girls. She apologizes to her children for spending their inheritance this way...but she would do it again!



GOLF

After many years of competing valiantly in the Annual Castle Park Memorial Golf Outing (The Moe), congratulations to the winning team of: **Jack Thier, George Holmes, Tim Malloy and Bob Manglitz**

In the ladies' tournament, which raises funds for the beautification committee, **Margaret Parker, Katie Ford, Anne Kunkel, Jane Perkins** came out on top of the field. Thank you to Cindy Fuller for hosting such a beautiful lunch and to Sara and Polly Perkins for helping pay for the prizes!



Castle Parkers rarely shy away from competition and this year was no exception!

Tennis Results

Mixed Doubles

Champions: Katherine Gregg and Randy Ford
Runners-Up: Mary and Phil Bosch
Consolation Champions: Tinker and Nick Judson

Men's Doubles

Champions: Randy Ford and Jeff Webb
Runners-Up: Jeff and Scott Hibbard
Consolation Champions: Ted Parker and Lew Ford

Looking for low impact exercise for their aging bodies, Tom Stevens, Bob Burton, and Dick Shepard perfect their water ballet routine.



Once again, the Honey-do Dodgers and the single guys (what is the name of your team?) enjoyed a little friendly competition on the softball field

Wedding Bells

Lindsey Etterbeek married Joel Van Veen on June 9th at Castle Park

Lizzy Malin married Hank Nymark in the Amphitheater in Castle Park on June 17th.

Carolyn Cronin married Scott Czarnik on June 24th at Castle Park

Stew Fuller married Margaret Moore in Winnetka, IL on July 1.

Sarah Amburgey and David Graber were married in Los Angeles on August 26. (see story on page 6)

Sarah Conant married Philip Tonucci under the Oak Tree at Castle Park on September 9th. Sarah's father, Doug, officiated the wedding.

Kathy Douglass married Jeff Morrison overlooking the lake at the Bustles' on September 16th.

Travis McLeod & Clarissa Williams were married in the Amphitheater on September 16th.

Evan Burton married Elizabeth DeLeeuw in the Amphitheater at Castle Park on September 23rd.



Sarah & Philip



Travis & Clarissa



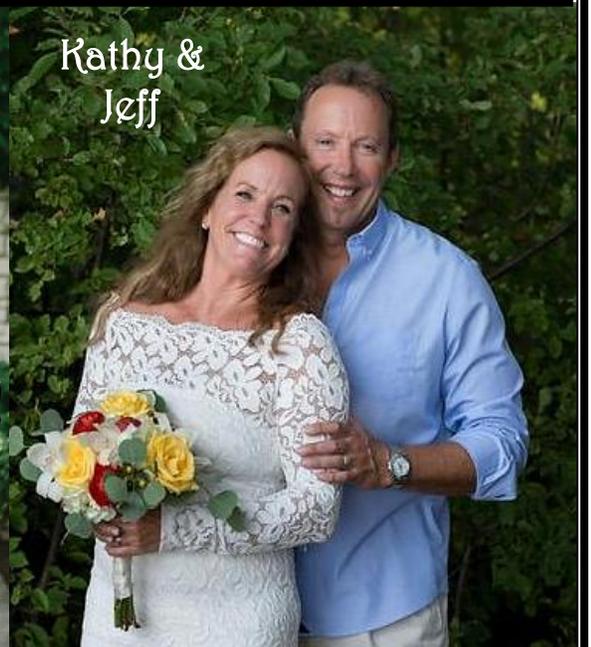
Lizzy & Hank



Evan & Elizabeth



Margaret & Stew



Kathy & Jeff

Steve Visscher was recently awarded his third Emmy Award for "Outstanding Sound Editing for a Limited Series, Movie, or Special" due to his work as the Supervising Foley Editor of the HBO series **The Night Of**. Steve also won Emmys for **Boardwalk Empire** in 2013 and 2011. He was nominated in 2015, 2014, and 2012 as well, resulting in 6 nominations and 3 wins!

The Foley Editors work in post production, often as one of the very last steps before the film is released. They custom produce



sounds such as footsteps, rustles of clothing, doors opening, etc., that add to the realism of the film. For example, the swords may actually be plastic, but the Foley Editor makes the sound of metal clashing at just the precise moment.



Welcome!

Brian & Stephanie Nicholson welcomed Cameran Megan on August 15, 2017. She joins brother Beckham James, born June 14, 2016.

Tom Stevens' daughter, Faye Sprague-Williams, along with her husband Tristan Sprague-Williams welcomed their first baby boy, Robin, on June 15, 2017

College Graduates

Will Griffin graduated from Tulane University

Cecilia Visscher graduated from Macalester College



Gentle Hebe, tried and true,
The end of summer has got us blue.
Time to say goodbye we fear,
To neighbors and friends far and near.

2017 we've come to know,
Would have you hosting quite a show.
Underneath your watchful eye,
Young love bloomed and made us sigh.
Etterbeeks, Malins and Cronins have stood,
In this amphitheater, in this wood.
Conants, McLeods, and Burtons are next,
Within our confines, they'll be blessed.

One thing we know is surely certain,
Cause for celebration goes to Burtons.
Evan will be wed this fall,
Rob to follow...after all!
Father Bob retired this summer,
From his grin, that's not a bummer!

The Carrs and Clarkes were this year's stars
And gathered us together,
To reminisce, and share the bliss
Of perfect summer weather.
Celebrating 75 years in Castle Park
Serving lemonade and cake,
Featuring a great quartet-
More memories to make.

And Suzie Allen, she's the one!
That gal knows how to have some fun.
With her family and friends on hand
To celebrate to beat the band,
Everyone had some birthday fun
As she showed how 85 is done.

2017 Ode to Hebe By Leigh Conant



Goddess we couldn't believe our eyes,
When we looked up to the skies
And viewed with reverence the eclipse
An experience not to be missed.
From the sun so ever bright,
We needed glasses to protect our sight.
They were at a premium, ever so rare,
It was challenging to acquire a pair!

And Goddess of eternal youth,
If we're here to speak the truth,
There's a message we're hoping you will send,
To Mother Nature-(we're sure you're friends),
Although we've enjoyed beaches, both North
and South
Castle Beach looks like one big mouth;
With wave upon wave and no access to the
beach,
Surely the magic is within her reach,
To arrange the water to recede,
Enough to give us the beach we need.

Oh, and Hebe if you please...
Could you tell her to watch it with those trees!

Next year we will meet again,
with our families, and our friends,
'Til then our fairest Hebe dear,
keep us safely 'til next year,
When more stories we will tell,
until then Hebe dear,
farewell.



Betsy & John Clarke, Greer Candler, Mary Laughna, Kathryn Hibbard, and Lizzy Malin Nymark support Gray Malin at his October 4th book signing at Neiman Marcus in Boston.



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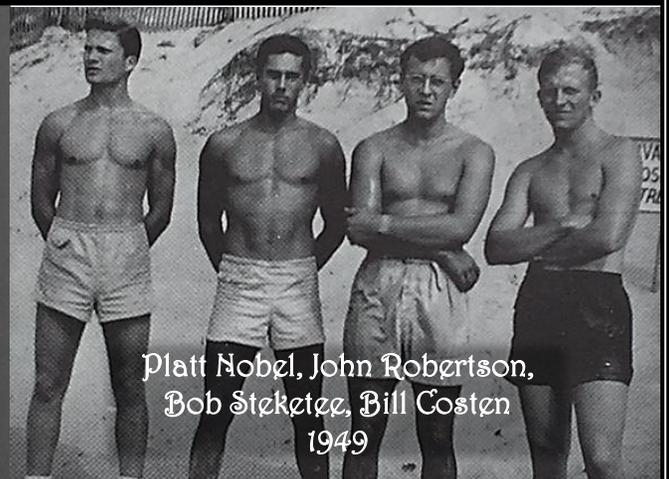
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Some of the folks mentioned earlier...

