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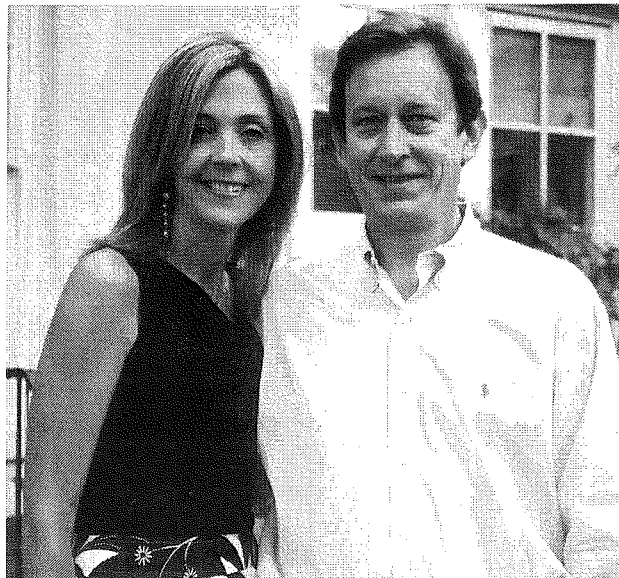
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An Evening in Tuscany - An Evening to Remember!!

By Pamela Watson

Saturday April 24 was an exquisite spring evening in Atlanta, perfect for the Brookwood Hills Garden Club Acorn Auction, which grossed over \$51,000 for neighborhood improvements. The guests were greeted with a delicious glass of Prosecco as they entered the lovely home of Jill and Rich Perkey, who worked endlessly to prepare for the event. Everyone enjoyed a delectable Tuscan feast prepared and donated by the Food and Beverage Committee, expertly chaired by Lombard Puri and Sheridan Watson. Toulouse Restaurant also generously donated a large portion of food and even sent over Chef Michael to assist. A special thank you to Bo Wilson, owner of Peachtree Package Store, for an unprecedented contribution of all the fine wine consumed during the evening, as well as, past and present Garden club Presidents, Sarah Jean Burke and Karla Morris, for donating the other alcoholic beverages.



Jill and Rich Perkey graciously donated their home for the evening

The evening ended with a fabulous live auction, emceed by the witty Hank Harris and his able assistants, Mike Nadal and Carl Gambrell. A highlight of the live auction came with the auctioning of two fabulous landscapes painted by Donna Mintz, Brookwood Hills resident and acclaimed artist. Donna designed Mary Chapin Carpenter's recent album cover, which was inspired by these ethereal landscape paintings. Mary Barrett and Xavier Duralde were the fortunate recipients of these landscapes and may be persuaded to give you a private showing!!

Pamela Watson and Dina Woodruff, chairs of the Acorn Auction, are indebted to all the members of the Garden Club who worked long and hard to make this year's event one of the most successful ever. They are also delighted to thank this year's corporate sponsors and Sarah Hagood who procured these sponsorships, the most ever! The corporate sponsors were: Specialty Homes, Inc., Sarah Hagood, Owner/Broker; Patti Junger, Caldwell Banker/Buckhead Brokers; Harry Norman, Realtors; Arboguard; Branch Properties, LLC (Brookwood Village); Stanley Dixon, Architect; Selig Enterprises, Inc.; Joe Noah & Associates, Fine Builders; Cortex Hair Salon & Spa, Marion Ventulett, Owner; Muriel Holand, Mortgage Banker at Bank Mortgage; Gunn Landscape Company; Summerour & Associates, Keith Summerour, Architect and Huey's Restaurant.

A special thanks to all of the auction committee chairs including: Lisa Jackson, Emily McIntyre, Judy Porter, Celeste Porter, Micki Gambrell, Nicole Cook, Lombard Puri, Sheridan Watson, Binney

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When you see the **Security Alert signs** posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Information Line 404-325-5114** for details concerning a recent security incident. These signs are a signal that an incident has occurred in the neighborhood and the information has been recorded on the hotline.

Looking for Some Great Gift Ideas?

Or even something for yourself? Stella and Tom Martin of 347 Camden, have a wonderful company named Bellemonde. They are having a special sale out of their home on May 20th and May 21st that will be open to Brookwood Hills neighbors.

The sale will feature items for teacher gifts, graduation, the home and garden and just plain fun spring and summer items -- everything from monogrammed handbags and totes to garden topiaries. The sale will also feature a fabulous new line of French "flexible" cookware named DeMarle (the makers of the Silpat non stick

Dates and times are:
Thursday, May 20th
from 12:00 – 7:00 PM
and Friday, May 21st
from 10:00 AM – 4:00
PM.



BWH Park Usage

Use of the Brookwood Hills Park is reserved for club members and guests accompanied by members. Neighbors are asked to instruct workers and construction crew members working at their homes to find somewhere other than the BWH park to have lunch, relax, or recreate.

Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Wednesday, April 7, 2004. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@yahoo.com or dropped off at 122 Huntington Rd.

N e i g h b o r N e w s

Welcome to Bart and Paren Henderson who have moved into 252 Brighton Road with their children, 8-year-old Pate and 6-year-old Caroline.

With a time of 2:15:06, former Brookwood Hills resident, Kelly Cook, placed 8th overall and was the 5th American woman at the Race to Athens - Honolulu Olympic Triathlon qualifier. The event was also the U.S. qualifier for the 2004 ITU Triathlon World Championships on May 9 in Madeira, Portugal. The U.S. takes six men and six women to represent the United States and Kelly's fifth place finish earned her a spot on the team. The World Championships are the second Olympic team qualifying race.



Kelly grew up in Brookwood Hills and got her swim start as a 5 year old on the very first Brookwood Hills Swim team. She continued to swim for BWH's until she was 18 and was assistant swim coach several summers, helping her brother Chad Cook coach the team. She is still often at the pool, practicing with the Brookwood Master's swim team.



Congratulations to Mary Grace Diehl, of 260 Brighton Road, on being named a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Her investiture took place on Thursday, April 29th and was attended by her family as well as many Brookwood Hills neighbors. Judge Diehl had been a partner with Troutman Sanders. Fellow partner and Brookwood Hills neighbor Bill Withrow spoke at the investiture.

Pictured are Mary Grace along with husband Michael Jablonski, and daughters Rebecca Jablonski-Diehl, and Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

Ann Dibble, of 231 Huntington Road, was selected to participate in the 2004 Atlanta Botanical Garden's Gardens for Connoisseurs Tour. This event is organized by the Garden Associates, and is the second largest yearly fundraiser for the Atlanta Botanical Garden. The Dibble garden was open to the public for viewing on Saturday, May 8th and Sunday, May 9th.



What is it with water?

By Roy Trimble, BWHCC President

I know I should love water. Most of our bodies are composed of water. It covers three quarters of the Earth's surface. It's pretty darn refreshing on a hot day.

But I keep having problems with water. Have for a long time. Right after we got married we bought a car from a friend. It was a great car but it had one major problem. It leaked every time it rained. When you took off or stopped, it sloshed. Our first house was basically walls with a colander for a roof. The chimney was an indoor waterfall. The chandelier became an aquarium. At our current house it was the opposite. Until we put in new pipes to the upstairs you couldn't fill the tub. (Note to anyone who might buy our house in the future, as I said, that problem has been fixed.)

And where would you expect the fewest problems with water? I would have thought it would be at a pool. Pools are made to hold water. Lots of water. That's their sole purpose in life. Everything about them is built for water. They're a water wonderland.

But one of our greatest fears at the pool this summer is water. Water from rainstorms that drop too much water in too short of a time. The drains in the neighborhood can handle only so much. And if they clog up with debris we're really in trouble.

Last year we had 20 year rains twice. I guess they didn't know they were twenty years too soon. So the Board had a study done to determine where we had problems and what could be done about them. The biggest issue is storm drains. We don't have enough. We've begun lobbying the city government but with this economic climate at City Hall that is expected to take a while. But there were measures we could take immediately. And we are.

The park itself is our first line of defense from flash floods. Unfortunately last summer it simply channeled that water to the pool. It was determined that we need to slow the water, redirect it and channel it away within the park. Construction has begun. It includes additional drains. Larger drains. Rock buffers to slow the flow. And a wall to act as a final barrier.

Scott Bass, Benning Grice, Mark Potts and others have led this effort. And we have high hopes for its success. Surely a 20 year rain won't happen again for the third time in two years. But if it does we've taken steps to stop it. No one wants a little water to get in the way of a good time at the pool.

Of course I don't have such a good track record with water.

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Granade and Harvey Ross.

Heartfelt appreciation goes to all who attended the auction and those who cheerfully opened your checkbooks for such a wonderful cause, the continuous maintenance and beautification of our neighborhood. Please remember to patronize area businesses who supported this event. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2006 Auction!!



Lombard Puri, Pamela Watson, Sheridan Watson, Dina Woodruff and Avery Williams

Calling All Kids!

Cartoon Network's new show Fridays is looking for children to participate in an interactive studio audience. The network is making history with its first ever Live-Action show with real hosts and kids on the set. *Fridays* is off to a great start and all the kids who have participated in the show have loved it! We are looking for energetic, smart kids between the ages of ten and thirteen who love watching Cartoon Network. You'll get snacks, drinks and goodie bags for being a BIG part in making History for Cartoon Network!!!!

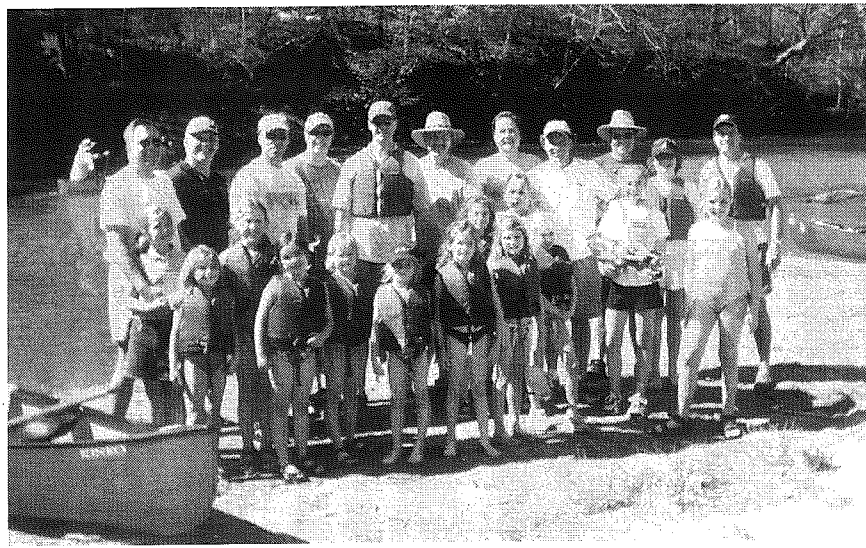
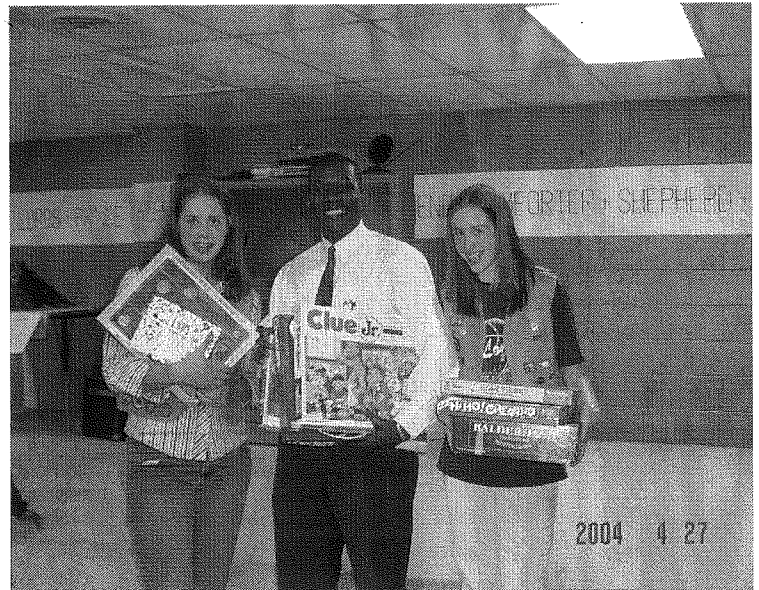
If you are interested in being a part of this HUGE event, please contact: Bentley Christopher at 404.885.0051 or Cartoon Fridays Hotline 404.575-7148. You can also check out the scene on Fridays at www.cartoonnetwork.com or watch Cartoon Network's Fridays every Friday night from 7P-12P. Parental permission is required to join the fun on Friday's.

Thanks Brookwood Hills for Helping Make Games Drive a Success!

Thanks to all the generous Brookwood Hills neighbors who helped us with our games drive for the Atlanta Youth Academy.

Thanks in large part to your generosity, we were able to deliver over 50 games to the Atlanta Youth Academy's after school program for our Girl Scout Bronze Award project. Thanks once again from Ginny Fahs and Catherine Cheatham.

Catherine Cheatham, AYA teacher Alexene Mesidor, and Ginny Fahs show off some of the many games that were donated to Atlanta Youth Academy.



Brookwood Girls Canoe Trip

The Brookwood Girls went on a canoe trip on Sunday, April 18th. A great time was had by all!

CALENDAR

Friday, May 14th—New Neighbor Party,
BWHCC Park, 7:00—9:00 PM

Sunday, May 16th—Swingin in the Park with Friends, BWHCC Park, 5:00—7:00 PM

Tuesday, May 18th—Brookwood Hills Friends Year End Meeting, 7:00 PM, at the home of Sharon Williams, 47 Brighton

Saturday, May 22nd—BWHCC Pool Opens for Summer!

Monday, May 31st—Memorial Day Pool Festivities, Games 2:00—4:00 PM, Poolside Cookout 4:00—6:00 PM, BWHCC pool

Thursday, May 27th—Intrasquad Swim Meet, BWHCC pool, 5:30 PM

Monday, June 7th—BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, at the home of Katie Simon, 22 Brighton

C L A S S I F I E D S

- **GREAT BABY NURSE** available for 24 hour coverage. Will Robinson helped me with my twins for 3 full weeks and then on and off for the first year; she is knowledgeable, trustworthy and a terrific presence in the home. She has probably taken care of 200+ babies in her time as a baby nurse, and it shows. If you would like to contact her, please call 404-241-0859 and mention Lauren Whitehurst as a reference. If you want to discuss my experience with Will, please call me at 404-355-7166.
- **BABY JOGGER TWIN STROLLER** for sale. In great shape-have been in use for 2 years but covered for whole life. Royal blue with 20" wheels. Asking \$350 but will consider best offer. Internet search shows best new price ~\$400-425 for 20" wheels. Call Lauren at 404-355-7166.
- **NANNY** (live-out/will consider live-in): Has been working with BWH families for the past 10 years. Neighborhood references available upon request. Please call Carla at 770.655.1879
- **BABYSITTER NEEDED.** We're looking for a neighborhood teenager or college student to look after our nearly 5 year-old and nearly 7 year-old this summer. One or two afternoons or mornings a week. We can work this around your summer schedule and ours. Please call (404) 724-0959
- **HOUSEKEEPING JOBS SOUGHT:** Adriana Pastor is looking for additional housekeeping work in the neighborhood. Preferably Wednesdays (possibly Thursdays). Many neighborhood references. Please call 404-502-7291.
- **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZER:** If you are looking for a professional organizer who can transform your closets, garage, home office or any other area of your house into a beautifully organized space, I highly recommend Tamara Haas, of A Place for Everything. In addition to residential or home office organizing, Tamara can provide personal assistant services, such as errand-running, personal shopping and bill-paying. If interested, please call Tamara at (404) 931-1336, or feel free to call me, Nancy Field, for more information at (404) 352-0877.



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