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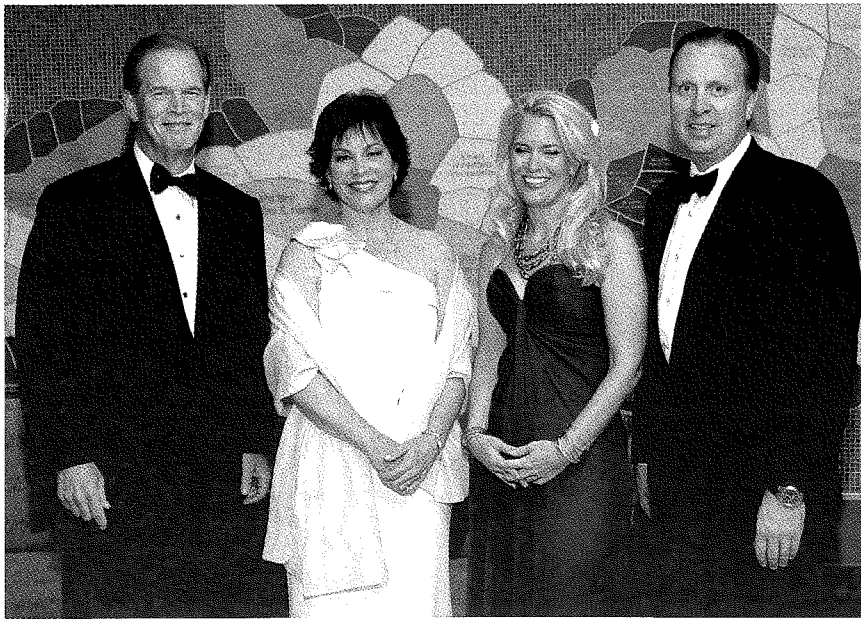
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Botanical Garden Honors Elizabeth & David Martin

By Neesha Patel & Sara Jean Burke

On September 25th the Atlanta Botanical Garden held its annual Garden of Eden Ball, which this year celebrated the Garden's recently completed expansion while honoring Brookwood Hills neighbors David and Elizabeth Martin for their many years of service to this Atlanta jewel of a destination. Several other Brookwood Hills residents were instrumental in planning and hosting the ball. Burch and Mark Hanson served as Ball Chairs. Contributing their time and effort to the Host Committee were Sabina and Tom Carr and Stella and Tom Martin. Former Brookwood Hills residents Dina Woodruff and Catharine and Jackson Kelly also worked to make the ball a great fundraising success.



David & Elizabeth Martin and Burch & Mark Hanson look radiant and elegant at the annual Garden of Eden Ball.

The Botanical Garden had the following to say about the Martins:

“For over a decade and a half, they have shown an exceptional commitment to the growth and development of the Garden. Elected Life Trustee in 2008, David’s extraordinary work on the Board led to the development of the Children’s Garden, the Orchid House, and the master plan for the Smithgall Woodland Garden. Under his leadership as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, he spearheaded the strategy for our most recent Capital Campaign of \$55 million, and also suc-

ceeded in reformulating the master plan to include the Hardin Visitor Center and Canopy Walk. Since 1992, Elizabeth has been unwavering in her involvement with the Garden Associates Board. She has served as Chair of the Harvest Moonstroll, Spring Luncheon and Christmas Party, and Volunteer Coordinator for the Gardens for Connoisseurs Tour. In 2000, she helped to raise \$500,000 as Co-Chair of the Garden of Eden Ball.”

The Martin’s Brookwood Hills Garden was also one of those featured last Spring in the garden tour sponsored by the Legacy Ladies.



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Security Alert Signs

When you see the **Security Alert signs** posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Information Line at 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. The cell phone number for the neighborhood security patrol is **404-242-3321**.

Social Committee Forming

Attention all BWH Community Club members! We are in the process of establishing a formal Social Committee. The committee will assist the club's Social Chairs in planning and implementing all our fun neighborhood parties. If you have new ideas you want to share or have just one party you would like to help plan, please email Wendy Granot at granot@mindspring.com to join in the fun.

Website Redesign Planned

It is time to update the design and functionality of the brookwoodhills.com website. The community club recently contracted with Association Voice, a leading homeowner association website provider, to use their application to create and manage our new website. We expect the site to produce significant improvements in the service, quality, and cost of communicating with BWHCC members. Our goal with this change is to make the website more logical, informative, and fun. We will try to make the process of moving to the new website as hassle free as possible for you. We expect the new website to be up and running by the end of the year. If you have any suggestions on things you would like to see on the site, please pass them along to Webmaster Peter Kotchen at pkotchen@cgradvisors.com.

Congratulations, Stan

The current issue of *House Beautiful* features a Cashiers NC home designed by Brookwood Hills' own Stan Dixon. Stan has donated many hours to the design of many club improvements over the years.

BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is Wednesday, December 8th, 2010. Submissions may be e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com or dropped off at 144 Huntington Road.

The Real Cardiac Kid

By Chris Ballard

Editor's note: This article appeared in the October 18, 2010 issue of Sport's Illustrated and features our Huntington Road neighbor Scott Dolezal.

The irony of what happened to Scott Dolezal on the morning of August 1, 2009, is that he was in the best shape of his life. It was the annual time trial for the cross-country team at Westminster High, a prep school in Atlanta. For most of the runners, the race was about setting a new personal best. For Scott, it was about finishing.

In two previous trials he hadn't completed the 5K course, done in by a combination of the sweltering Georgia heat and poor conditioning that made any endurance test a challenge. Born with a congenital heart defect, Scott underwent heart surgery when he was a week old. The heart condition didn't affect him in most sports -- he was the leading scorer on the jayvee lacrosse team as a sophomore -- but cross-country was torture. "Honestly, he was awful," says his father, Craig. "If he didn't finish last, he'd finish second to last."

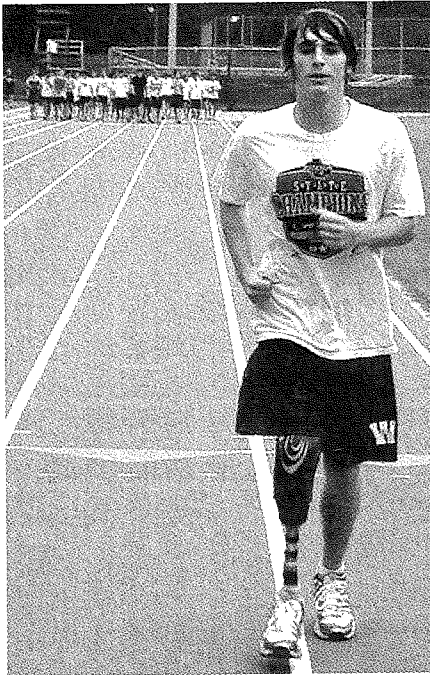
That Scott was back on the team as a junior was a testament both to his charismatic coach, Joe Tribble, and to Scott's perseverance. For the first time he'd spent the summer training, and he was ready. The race began, and as always Scott drifted to the rear of the pack, his breath coming in short, labored bursts. "He looked like he was suffering," says his dad, "but he always looked like he was suffering."

With a half mile to go, Scott, in 3rd-to-last place, disappeared into a grove of maple and oak trees. A few minutes later came a call, loud and scared: "Runner down!" Tribble sprinted toward the grove, arriving just after Bill Barber, a surgeon who was on hand to cheer for his son. What they found was terrifying: Scott, who had crumpled in midstride and toppled into a small ravine, was not breathing. He had no pulse, and his skin had turned a ghastly purple. Clinically speaking, he was dead, having suffered a massive heart attack. And that's where it would have ended if not for what the Dolezal family calls "a sequence of miracles." If Barber hadn't been at the race to perform CPR; if the school trainers hadn't arrived with an automated external defibrillator to restore a hint of a pulse; if the 911 ambulance hadn't blasted through traffic; if Piedmont hospital doctors hadn't induced hypothermia to prevent neurological damage; if the hospital hadn't been one of a handful with a TandemHeart device, which allowed Scott's blood to flow in spite of his nonfunctioning heart and lungs -- if any of these things hadn't occurred, Scott wouldn't have had a chance.

But he did, barely. That first evening, doctors told Craig Dolezal and Lucy Mueller, Scott's mom, that Scott wouldn't make it through the night. Lucy refused to believe it. She'd always said the family had a survivor gene inherited from her father, who'd endured two years at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Now it was Scott's turn to fight. Three days later, when he opened his eyes, Scott found quite a reception; 100 people had gathered, including the cross-country team, to keep vigil.

It was three weeks before Scott could get out of bed. Blood clots had developed in his right leg from the knee to the ankle, and the doctors had operated on the leg to clear them out.
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Scott's Amazing Story (cont'd from page 3)



Scott crossing the finish line August 2, 2010. In the background the entire Westminster cross-country team can be seen running behind Scott, cheering him on. Photo by Lucy Mueller

They had tried skin grafts to repair the leg, but an infection had set in. It was clear that the leg wouldn't make it. On September 16, Scott said a prayer and went under. He woke up to find only a thigh and the knob of a knee where his right leg used to be. That afternoon Tribble sat with Scott, as he had so many days. His message: Keep perspective. That's tough for any 17-year old, for whom life's small moments -- prom, homework, a crush -- can seem momentous. To Scott keeping perspective seemed impossible. What's more, he still had to undergo heart surgery again to correct the cause of the heart attack.

The doctors discovered that the attack had resulted from a kink in one of Scott's coronary arteries, an unfortunate result of his earlier heart surgery, and they were able to restore Scott's heart to full function. Buoyed by this success, Scott set his first goal: using a prosthesis to accompany his history class on a walking tour of Europe 10 months later. It got him thinking. If he could hike, why not run? Which is how he came to be back at the track for the annual time trial on August 2, 2010. You know what they say about facing your fears? Well, Scott was going to hunt his down.

He'd have to go through those woods three times, each stride a test of his new leg, his reconditioned heart and his courage. At the 1 1/2-mile mark he faltered. It was too tiring. Then, as he says, "I thought about everyone who'd been there every day at the hospital" and how important it was "to do something I never thought I'd be able to do." He pushed on, entering that grove of oak and maple for the final time. Watching from the finish line, Craig felt sick to his stomach. And then, just like that, Scott emerged, his trot now practically a sprint. He crossed the line and hugged his bawling parents, breathing in the moment. No one cared that it had taken 52 minutes. For the first time at Westminster, Scott had completed a time trial.

Which led to another thought: Why stop there? Last month Scott got a new prosthesis, and he's in the process of getting clearance from his cardiologist. Lacrosse season starts in a few months, and the team could use an attacker, preferably one who never gives up on a play. Or anything else.

Don't Forget Our Men In Blue

It is that time of year when we recognize the efforts of our security team with a year-end holiday bonus. We can all feel more secure knowing these officers are protecting our homes and families, serving as a deterrent to crime. Please consider participating. Make your check payable to Brookwood Hills Community Club, with "Security Bonus" in the memo line, and drop it off at Lisa Barnhart's home, 310 Camden Road.

Halloween Fun

By Stephanie Brown



It was a beautiful sunny day for Sunday's BWH Halloween party, not a raindrop in sight this year. The park began to fill with our neighborhood children, who ran straight for the haunted house line. Once again Debby Moorman's famous haunted house was the main attraction of our Halloween party. Maguire Brown stated, "It ROCKS! I loved the feeling of the slimy eyeballs!" Each year Debby and her crew work to make the haunted house just a little scarier and more fun. Mission accomplished! Thank you for the many years you have dedicated to this amazing event. Our party would not be the same without your time and talents.

As in years past, the costume contests proved to be steep competition. Our winners this year:

Best Super or Action Hero - Sammy Innis. *Spookiest* - Robert Clark & Theo Davis (tie). *Best Princess/Fairy* - Cecilia & Louisa Whitney, Caroline Garon, Emma Dixon. *Most Adorable Under Three* - Finn Thompson, Caroline Paulhas, Mary Boise Dierdorff. *Most Unique, 10 Years & Under* - Will Jenkins, Isabella Dobbs, Corina Cain, Will Moorman. *Most Unique, 10 Years & Above* - Virginia Davis, Khaki Loughran, Eliza Waldrop, Savannah Lee. *Best Group* - Charlotte Lee, Caroline Bland, & Riley Okeson as the Three Blind Mice, Virginia Hobbs & Julia Kelly as Salt n Pepa, and Ines Guillaune, Brittany Crisp, Tory Dancu, Quin Waldrop & Morgan Kelly as The Holidays. Thank you to our fabulous judges Lesley Carroll, Freddie Simon, and Harvey Ross, all of whom took their roles very seriously, truly laboring over every contest winner!



A special thank you goes to our gracious sponsor, Joe Noah of Joe Noah and Associates. We sincerely appreciate Joe's continued support of our community and of this Brookwood Hills Halloween tradition. It was a wonderful party, and we thank all of our neighbors who helped us bring it together. *Photos by Nathalie Fuson.*

New Faces



Welcome to Edward and Lisa Katz, their four year old boys Alex and Henry, and their dog Ruby. Edward and Lisa had barely had time to move in to their home at 56 Woodcrest, when they celebrated the October 18th birth of their daughter, Catherine Vera Katz. Edward is VP of Investments and a Certified Financial Planner for the Katz Financial Group at Wells Fargo Advisors. Lisa is VP of Business Development for Creative Realities, LLC.

CHOA Friends Kick Off the New Year

By Caroline Wilbert

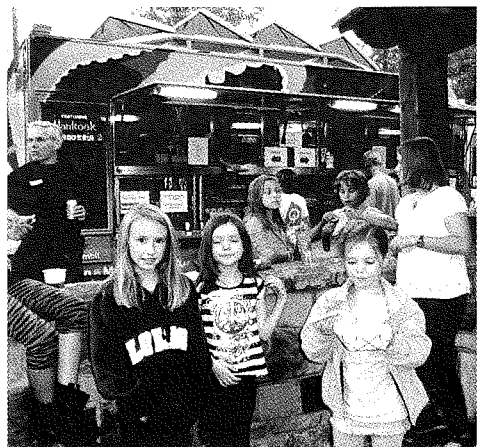
It's time to kick off a new (and very fun!) season for the BWH Friends group, which has a great legacy of raising money for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA). Our first event is a **Girls' Night Out** November 18th at 7 p.m. at Tulipano, a clothing boutique located at 3145 Peachtree Road in Buckhead. We'll enjoy the boutique's beautiful clothes, taste the wines of Tiger Mountain Vineyards and participate in a raffle for prizes from Tulipano. All members of Friends who attend also win a door prize.

It's a great opportunity to see an old **friend**, make a new **friend**, and be a **friend** to the hospital that we all value. All with a glass of wine in your hand! If you can't make it and want to get involved in future happenings, please email Kellam Mattie (kellammattie@me.com) or Caroline Wilbert (carolinewilbert@bellsouth.net). Also please "like" the new BWH Friends Facebook page!

In other Friends news, if you are planning to order your holiday cards (or anything else) on Tiny Prints, do it through the Friends website, and Tiny Prints will donate a portion of proceeds to the hospital. Go to www.choa.org/tinyprints.

Huntington Road Block Party On the Cutting Edge

On October 17th the 2010 Huntington Road block party took advantage of the latest culinary craze sweeping the country: gourmet meals served on the street by a mobile vendor. The trend has been well established in large metro areas such as New York and Chicago, but (surprise, surprise) had been stalled in Atlanta due to city licensing restrictions.



Former Palisades Road resident and budding entrepreneur Carson Young, together with his mother and father Rebecca Young and Hillyer Young, took on the city bureaucracy, got them to change the rules, and launched the first such venture in the city: Yumbii, which specializes in Korean BBQ tacos and other delicious treats. The mobile Yumbii truck provided the food for the Huntington Road festivities and can be found elsewhere as it moves from place to place by visiting www.yumbii.com or on Twitter follow @Yumbii. *Photo by Nathalie Fuson.*

Boot Camp For A Cause

Brighton Road neighbor Andrew Whitney is a volunteer trainer for BC4C (Boot Camp for a Cause), an organization that believes in the power of group fitness. It meets at 5:45 a.m. at Piedmont Park 4 or 5 days a week, with workouts built upon a theory called muscle-confusion, which never lets the body get into a set routine. Veteran trainers have volunteered their time to lead the boot camp, which donates 100% of its profits to local charitable causes. After the workout sessions the trainers go on to their "day jobs," knowing that they have started their day benefitting their students and the charities supported by the program. Costs range from \$100 to \$150 per month, with 50% of the profits going to the Piedmont Park Conservancy, and the remainder divided among Project Open Hand, Camp Twin Lakes, and Everybody Wins. For more information go to www.BC4C.com.

BWHCC Wait List Reopens

By David Adams

One of the great perks of living in Brookwood Hills is the opportunity to join the community club pool and tennis facilities simply by virtue of one's address in the neighborhood. For those living outside the neighborhood, for some time there has been a wait list to snag a coveted member spot. In January 2008 the community club board voted to close the wait list because those on it were having to wait 4 or 5 years to receive an invitation to become members. Many of those on the list had given up hope of receiving an invitation and had joined other clubs. The goal was to shorten the list so that those on it could expect to receive an invitation within a reasonable period of time. After nearly a three year hiatus, the board has voted to reopen the wait list, an action which has been anxiously awaited by many families who recognize that our pool and tennis facilities make for one of the best values in the city.

If you have friends or family wanting to join the club, tell them to check the website at brookwoodhills.com. The wait list will officially reopen around November 21st. Those wishing to enroll should download the application form and mail or deliver it to David Adams, 300 Camden Road, Atlanta, 30309. For the first time there will be a one-time fee (\$50) to join the wait list. (Those already on the wait list will not be assessed this fee.) The list will be carefully monitored and will close again when it gets too long. For those who are already members of the club, the membership renewal drive will begin around the first of the year. As always, thanks for your support of your club.

Lemonade for Walk for the World

By Kathleen Waldrop



On Saturday, October 23rd, Joe and Jordan Loughran, Kitty and Gabriel McCarthy, and Quin and Eliza Waldrop raised \$71 for the Walk for the World Project, benefiting the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the construction of the Cam Street Life Center in Kabeya Kamuanga, DCR. *Photo by Kathleen Waldrop.*

C L A S S I F I E D S

New Hair Salon. Christy Payne recommends Carter Vu Hair Salon, just opened at 2221 Peachtree Road, the shopping center with Cami Cakes & Firehouse Subs. Carter is great & has recently opened his own shop. 50% off your first visit (ask for AJ). 404-941-8629.

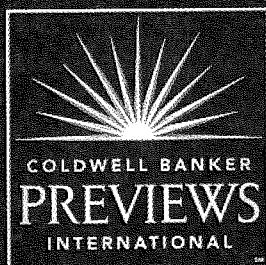
House Painter & Stonemason Needed. Can anyone recommend a good exterior house painter or stonemason? *Submitted by Roy Trimble, roy.trimble@jwt.com*

Experienced Babysitter. Deane Pless, 15, is a life-long Palisades Road resident and a 10th grader at Atlanta Girls' School. She is available for new babysitting clients. References available. Red Cross babysitting certificate. 404-861-7493 or pless.deane@gmail.com.

Northside Methodist Preschool Holiday Gift Show. Community Club Member Christy Fassnacht hopes to see many BWH faces at the annual show at the Northside Methodist Church Fellowship Hall and Gymnasium (2799 Northside Drive) on Friday and Saturday, November 19-20, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The show will feature more than 60 new vendors with unique items for all ages, food concessions and fabulous door prizes. Admission is \$2 (ages 14+) and proceeds will benefit the Northside Methodist Preschool Scholarship Fund.

Calendar

- **Thursday, November 18, Friends Girls' Night Out, 7:00 p.m.,** Tulipano Boutique, 3145 Peachtree Road (see page 6 for details)
- **Monday, December 6, BWHCC Board Meeting, 7:15 p.m.,** at the home of Stephanie & Shannon Brown, 265 Brighton Road



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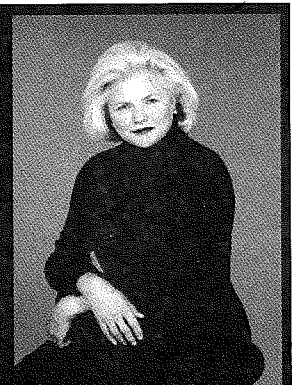
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