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Autumn in Tuxedo Park

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*The Autumn colors drape the woods
within Tuxedo Park;
As Jack-O-Lanterns light the way,
along the paths at dark*

*Stately homes are festive clad
the landscape paints the hills;
Wide stone walls approach the gates,
and candles light the sills*

*The full moon's face directs the way
beyond the maple trees;
A woven white of frosty mist,
like lace, hangs in the breeze*

*This festive mood on Halloween
lends magic to the dark,
A beauty rare, that Autumn brings,
throughout Tuxedo Park*

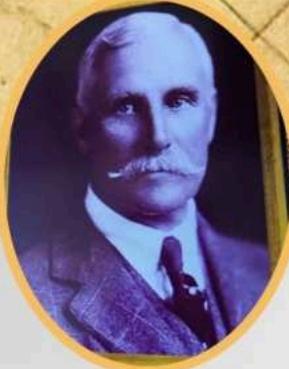
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Tuxedo Park's Grenville Kane

Papers from Christopher Columbus were housed in his library

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Tuxedo Park's Grenville Kane began collecting in 1912 and collected some of the rarest literature in the world. The great grandson of John Jacob Astor, Mr. Kane served as treasurer, governor, and prominent participant in all of Tuxedo Park's social events. His Americana holdings included three editions of "The Columbus Letters" that existed in his library. These were direct correspondences regarding the maritime discoveries of Christopher Columbus.

When Christopher Columbus married the daughter of an Italian navigator, the daughter and Columbus received all of her father's valuable charts as a wedding gift. Arming himself with these charts, Columbus started on his daring enterprises. Rare pages from Columbus's original correspondence from these journeys were in Grenville Kane's collection in Tuxedo Park.

These papers were a clear indication of Columbus's vast obstacles. From the superstitious sailors to the prejudices of educated men, and general geographical ignorance.

It was said that being in Grenville Kane's library in his home in Tuxedo Park, was like entering a fantasy world of literature. A rich sensation overtook you, with the scent of wooden bookcases polished to a gloss that cradled some of the rarest literature in the world. There was a far-end window in the library that glanced out onto the formal gardens. And as you sat in the chair near that window absorbing yourself within the educational assemblage of literature, everything but that world, simply vanished. Grenville Kane's eye for rare material was astute, however, throughout his years of collecting, he managed to bring forward the light of life from yesterday, to the yearning for knowledge and the appreciation of history, through to today.

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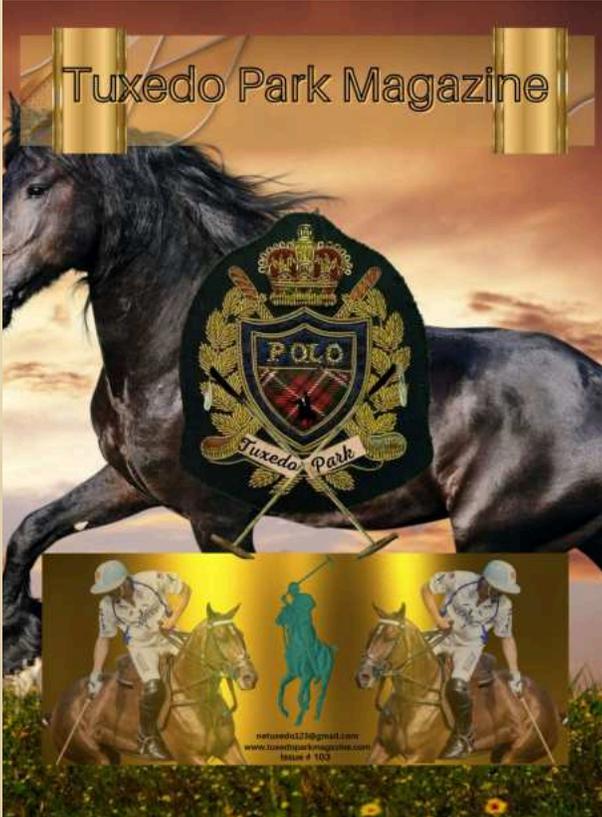
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Stories From The First Gilded Age Society... Tuxedo Park

Footnotes

From Diaries, Memories, & Social Clippings

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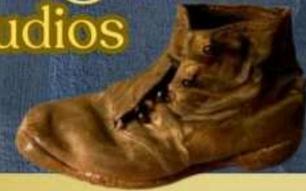
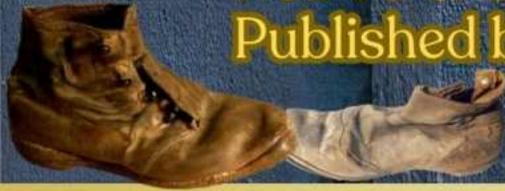
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Many wonderful stories of the grand women are also in our collection.

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170 year old shoes found in a wall

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A Tuxedo Club member during the Gilded Age, invested in a large tract of land not far from Tuxedo Park. An old farmhouse existed on part of this property. Many years later, eight shoes, some more than 170 years old, were discovered while the home was being renovated. The mysterious find which lay resting behind century-old plaster and lath led to a whirlwind of intrigue and historical research. These shoes ranged from children's to adults, curled with age and torn from use. Years of dust rested on rock-hard leather and dirt still clung to the soles. The research began by corresponding with those educated in the field of what is known as "Concealed shoes in buildings". One primary source of information was Brian Hoggard who ran a premier website in England, along with the curator of "The boot and shoe collection, also in England". Photos of the shoes with a precise description of each shoe were sent to them. They responded the next day claiming it was the largest discovery of its kind in the U.S. until that time. From the photos, and accurate descriptions, they were able to date each shoe.

It was discovered that concealed shoes began as a ritual dating back to the 1300's in England. Shoes, being very expensive in earlier times, were repaired as much as possible before being discarded. When the shoe was no longer fit to wear, it provided a unique record of the wearer's individual foot. It was believed that such a shoe, if placed in an outside wall, would trap any "witch-spirit" by luring it into the shoe.



The shoe retained enough of the human to entice the witch into a dead end, thereby preventing the witch from entering the actual dwelling.

A thorough investigation began of the old farmhouse's history. Oddly enough, years earlier, prior to the shoes' discovery, a few diaries were also found on the property. The owner turned them over to a local historical society (right down the road from the farmhouse). The investigation discovered the diary's whereabouts and studied them. Through them, the home's history unraveled, and the dates of the shoes corresponded with each member of the family. The diaries depicted everyday life on the farm. Visits made to family members, sleighrides enjoyed and crops planted and sold. The weather was mentioned on every page, and the lives of the family members unfolded, allowing a glimpse at the very people who wore the shoes. The legend birthed in superstition entered into this farmhouse for us to discover...The footsteps of a family.

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Tuxedo Park Saves Financial Panic Of 1907 & Wall Street



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The affluent residential community of Tuxedo Park was directly linked to the Panic of 1907 through several of its elite, wealthy residents, most notably the financier J. P. Morgan. During the crisis, Morgan used his private home library to orchestrate the bank bailout. This summer home in Tuxedo Park served as a gathering place for other prominent financiers who aided in the rescue. The crisis began in mid-October 1907, with a failed attempt by speculators to corner the stock of the United Copper Company. The failure caused widespread loss of confidence, leading to runs on banks, including New York City's third-largest trust, the Knickerbocker Trust Company. As the panic spread, the stock market fell nearly 50%, and numerous financial institutions faced failure. Since the United States had no central bank at the time, Morgan became the financial leader of the recovery efforts. He gathered the nation's most influential bankers and financiers, most of whom were his social peers and fellow residents of Tuxedo Park.

Morgan essentially locked the doors and forced the bankers to contribute their own funds to prop up the failing financial system.

This intervention included convincing trust companies to lend to vulnerable institutions, buying \$30 million in New York City bonds to avert the city's insolvency, and arranging for his company, U.S. Steel, to acquire a major brokerage firm's assets.

The 1907 panic exposed the fragility of the American banking system and highlighted the dangers of having a private individual serve as a one-man central bank. This event was a major catalyst that led to the creation of the Federal Reserve System in 1913. Tuxedo Park was, at that time, home to the wealthy elite. Many prominent bankers and financiers, including, J. P. Morgan, the legendary financier, who took command of the financial rescue.

During the Gilded Age, the social connections fostered in places like Tuxedo Park were integral to the workings of Wall Street. The tight-knit network of bankers, who were friends and neighbors, was the same group Morgan summoned to orchestrate the bailout. One of Morgan's close allies in the rescue, George F. Baker, also lived in Tuxedo Park.

Following the panic of 1907, the immense power wielded by Morgan and his associates came under heavy public scrutiny. The subsequent Pujo Committee investigation into a "money trust" further highlighted how this small, interconnected group of financiers from Tuxedo Park, controlled a vast portion of the nation's finances.

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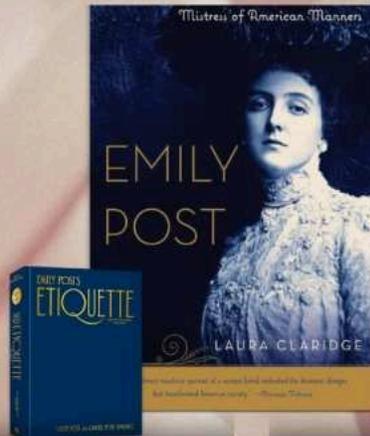
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Tuxedo Park's Emily Post

Authored-The Book On Etiquette

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Emily Post grew up in a charming "home" in Tuxedo Park. Her famous book, "Emily Post's Book On Etiquette", first published in 1922, was based on the manners learned while living in Tuxedo Park. Her father, Bruce Price, was the founding architect of Tuxedo Park where he designed many of the mansions and aided Mr. Lorillard in the layout of the infrastructure of the park itself. Emily Post also wrote many romantic stories about society, all fashioned after life in Tuxedo Park.

She attended many debutante balls in Tuxedo Park, but met her husband, Edwin Post, at a ball in one of Fifth Avenue's elegant mansions. As a girl, Emily was told that well-bred women cannot work, but suddenly she became a celebrity and an outstanding American career woman, a position she maintained throughout her lifetime.

Her numerous books, a syndicated newspaper column, and a regular radio program made Emily Post a figure of national stature and importance. Her view and memories of Tuxedo Park from when she was a little girl meeting all of "society" influenced her immensely.

And although her family were never considered "In society", Emily gleaned everything from that lifestyle and managed to carry it with her throughout the world, much like the men from Tuxedo carried their fashion statement, the Tuxedo jacket, throughout the world. Both the book on Etiquette and the Tuxedo jacket stemmed from the same enclave known as...Tuxedo Park

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When one's private estate, was one's world

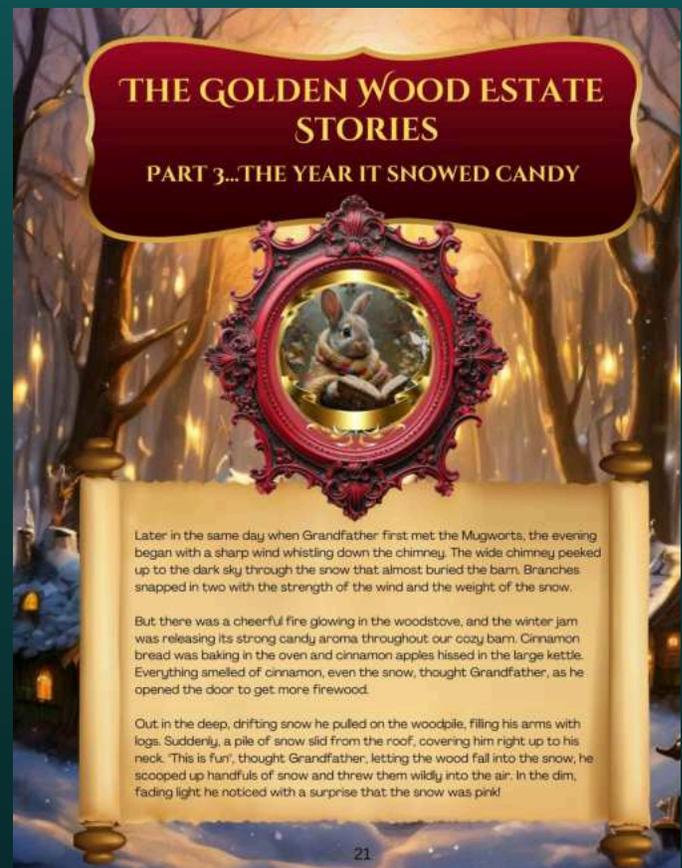
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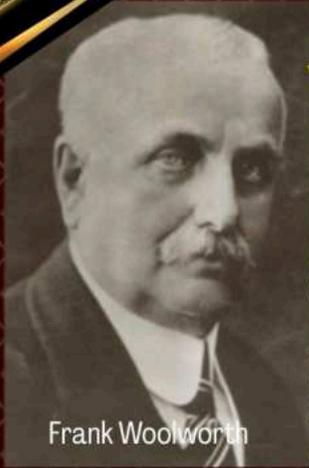
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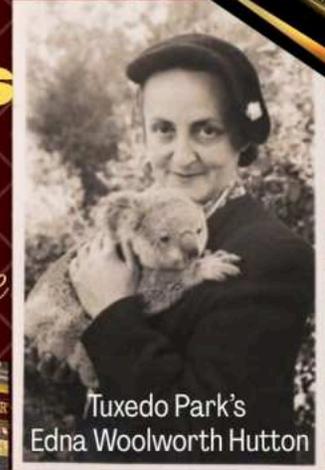
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Frank Woolworth

THE WOOLWORTHS OF TUXEDO PARK

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Tuxedo Park's
Edna Woolworth Hutton

Frank Woolworth's daughter, Edna, resided on a palatial estate in Tuxedo Park. Her father, was a frequent visitor to Tuxedo Park which he loved. Edna received one third of Frank Woolworth's fortune upon his death.

Woolworths was a retail company that was one of the original five and dime stores. The first Woolworth store was founded with a small loan to Frank Winfield Woolworth, and the company grew to be one of the largest retail chains in the world. Frank Woolworth was born to a poor farm family in upstate New York. He began his career as a clerk in a general store. While working at the store, he was impressed with the success of a five-cent clearance sale. He soon conceived the idea of establishing a store to sell a variety of items in volume at that price. When he had established several successful stores, he then added ten-cent items and was able to increase his inventory.

A major break-through for his stores was when he decided to stock candy and was able to bypass wholesalers and deal directly with the manufacturers. He was always aware of the importance of the presentation of goods, and planned window and counter displays for the entire chain. He also devised the red store front that became its institutional trade mark.

Between 1890 and 1910, the success of the chain was enormous and was known as one of the first American retailers to put merchandise out for the shopping public to handle without the assistance of a sales clerk.

In 1910 Frank Woolworth commissioned the construction of the Woolworth building in New York City, the building was entirely paid for in cash. It was completed in 1913 and was said to be the tallest building in the world until 1930. It served as the company's head quarters.

The stores' eventually incorporated lunch counters that also served as general gathering places, a precursor to the modern shopping food court. Many did all their Christmas shopping at Woolworths. The food counters would boast such delights as a grilled hot dog served on a grilled buttered bun with crinkle-cut fries. Many remember the little white bags where you could buy candy by the pound or the ounce. The Woolworth Company was perhaps one of the most successful retail enterprises in the world.

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Creating Caring & Ethical Citizens

How Saddle River Day School's Lower School is Teaching Students the Power of Service

At Saddle River Day School, education goes far beyond textbooks and test scores. The Lower School's Project-Based Learning initiatives are designed not only to challenge students academically but also to instill the values of compassion, empathy, and responsibility. Each grade participates in yearlong, cross-curricular projects that weave together core academics and special subjects. For last year's fourth graders, these projects embodied one of the school's core values—creating caring and ethical citizens.

Through monthly service projects, students discovered first hand that small actions can create powerful ripple effects in their community. What began as classroom conversations about kindness soon evolved into meaningful, real-world impact. Their year long journey of service showed them that giving is more than an idea to discuss—it's a way of life.

September: A Lesson in Giving

The year began with inspiration. A guest speaker from St. Joseph's Hospital shared stories of how generosity changes lives. Motivated by these examples, students brainstormed ways they could make a difference close to home—setting the tone for months of service and leadership.

October: The Pink Pop-Up Shop

With Breast Cancer Awareness Month approaching, students launched the Pink Pop-Up Shop. Partnering with the school's Graphics and Ideas Lab, they designed flyers, social media posts, and products to sell. Proceeds supported Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Delivering the donation themselves, students witnessed the direct impact of their efforts and discovered how collective action fuels change.

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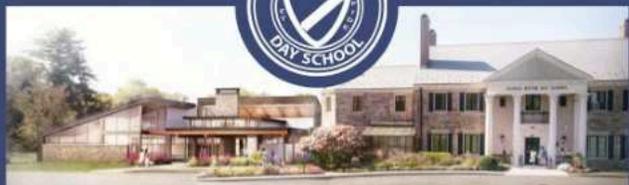
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November: Fighting Hunger

As Thanksgiving neared, focus turned to food insecurity. Students organized a food drive, designing posters and emails to raise awareness. A trip to the Ridgewood Food Pantry allowed them to stock shelves, sort donations, and better understand the families they were helping. The experience was a powerful reminder that even local communities face challenges that young people can help address.

December: Spreading Holiday Cheer

During the holiday season, students turned their attention to children at St. Joseph's Hospital. They collected toys and created heartfelt cards for patients. Many realized that small, personal gestures—like a handwritten note—can bring joy during difficult times.

January & February: Preparing for More Impact

The new year brought even bigger challenges. Students used the school's design lab to prepare for two major campaigns: Pennies for Puppies and Jump Rope for Heart.

Through Pennies for Puppies, they collected spare change to support The Seeing Eye, which trains guide dogs for the visually impaired. Students not only counted coins but also learned about the remarkable bond between people and service animals.

At the same time, Jump Rope for Heart allowed students to raise awareness for the American Heart Association. While fundraising for cardiovascular research, they also learned about fitness and the importance of heart health. What could have been just a fun activity became a lesson in empathy, responsibility, and wellness.

More Than Projects—A Way of Life

These projects showed SRDS students that being caring and ethical citizens means more than donating money or supplies. It means learning about the struggles others face, raising awareness, and taking meaningful action. Just as importantly, students saw how service transforms them—shaping them into compassionate leaders ready to make a lasting impact on the world.

By the end of the year, the fourth graders had not only strengthened their academic skills but also deepened their character. They left the Lower School with a strong foundation of confidence, creativity, and compassion—ready to carry these lessons into Middle School, Upper School, and beyond.

At Saddle River Day School, service isn't an extracurricular—it's a cornerstone of the educational experience. Here, students aren't just preparing for the next grade level; they're preparing to become the caring, ethical citizens our communities need most.



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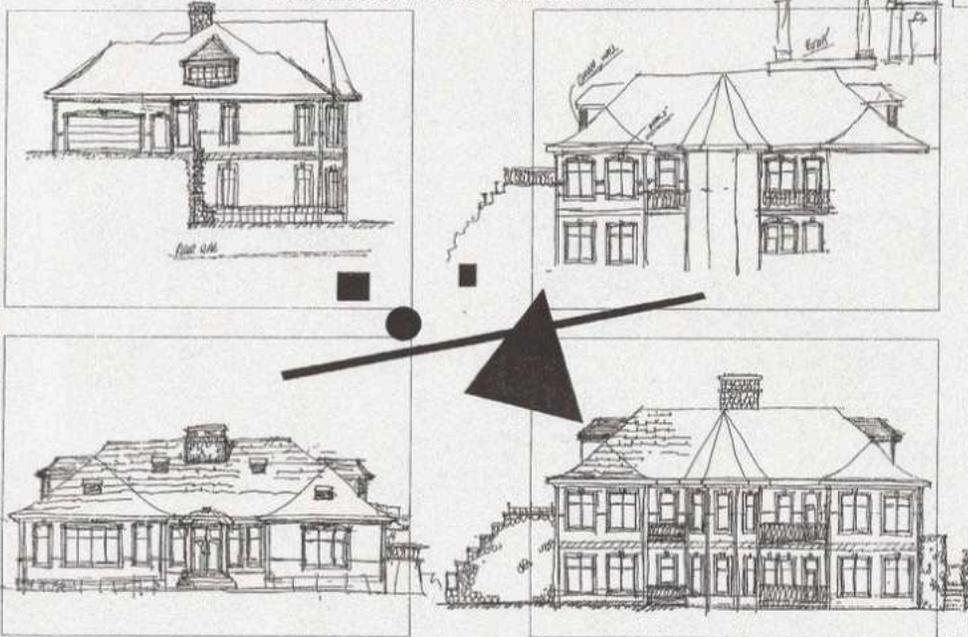
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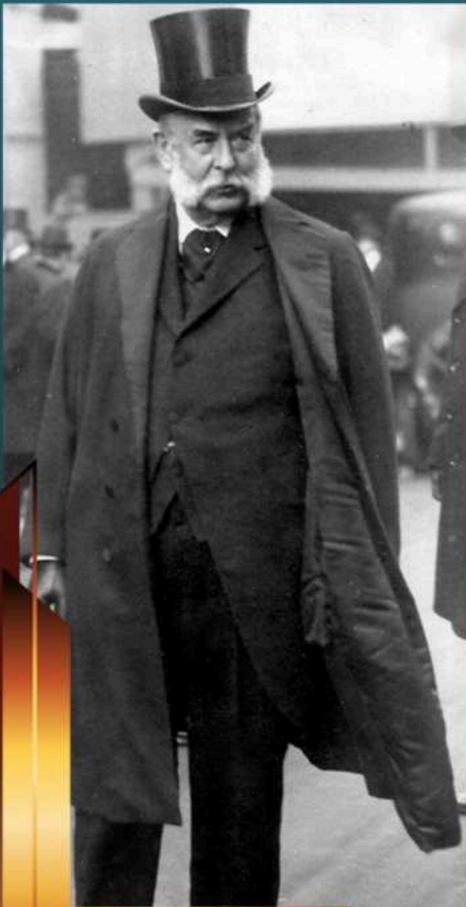
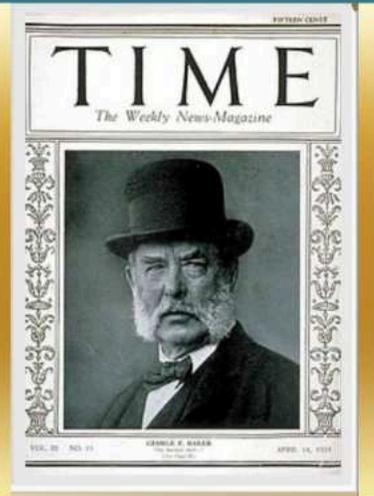
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The George F. Baker high school in Tuxedo NY was a gift to the town by Tuxedo Park resident George Fisher Baker, an American banker and philanthropist. The school was built in 1931. Baker was known as the "American Dean of Banking" and was a cofounder of the First National Bank of New York, which was the forerunner of today's Citibank. By the time of his death, Mr. Baker had amassed such a fortune in banking and railroads that he was estimated to be the third richest man in the United States, after Henry Ford and John D. Rockefeller. The George F. Baker High School building is modeled after the Harvard Business School's, Baker Library



Tuxedo Park's George F. Baker, provided the majority of the funding for Harvard Business School with a 1924 grant of five million, for which Harvard gave him an honorary doctorate and named the library after him. In 1922, he established a million dollar endowment fund for the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He had been a member of the museum board since 1909. George Baker donated 2 million to Cornell University for the construction of the Baker Laboratory of Chemistry, as well as Baker dormitories, and he endowed the Baker Lecture Series, the oldest continuous lectureship in chemistry in the United States. He made other large donations to charitable causes throughout New York City and funded the construction of Baker Field, Columbia University's primary athletic facility. He was well liked in Tuxedo Park, where many of his close friends and business associates also resided.

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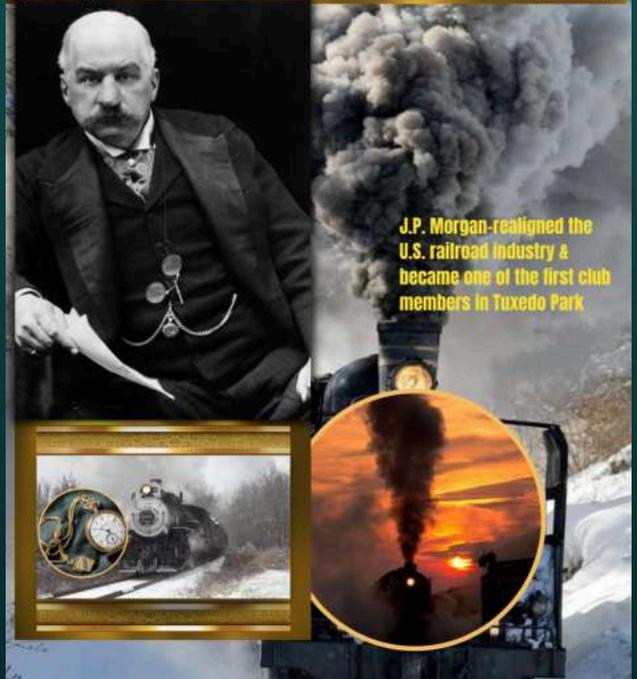
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Part I-From Monroe & Tuxedo Park

M.C. Migel aids WWI & creates American Foundation For The Blind

The Migel's were prominent members of the Tuxedo Club. Major Moses Migel was a noted philanthropist and a founder of the American Foundation for the Blind, serving as its president for twenty three years. Their son Richard, served for many years on the board of directors of Tuxedo Hospital. Their daughter Parmenia authored Titania, a definitive biography of her close friend, Isak Dinesen (Isak authored Out of Africa). Major Moses Charles Migel established himself in the silk business in 1900. He became extremely successful, owning mills employing over 3,000 workers. The mills specialized in the short fiber, spun silk used for telephone wire insulation prior to the invention and widespread use of synthetics. By 1906, he became so successful, he semi-retired and married Eliza Parada from Santiago, Chile. Eliza was a graduate of Santiago College and came to the United States to study painting.

Mr. Migel and his wife were both lovers of nature, and firm believers of the healthful effects of outdoor living. Their estate, "Greenbraes", was a magnificent tribute to this belief (elaboration of this magical estate in part II of M.C. Migel).



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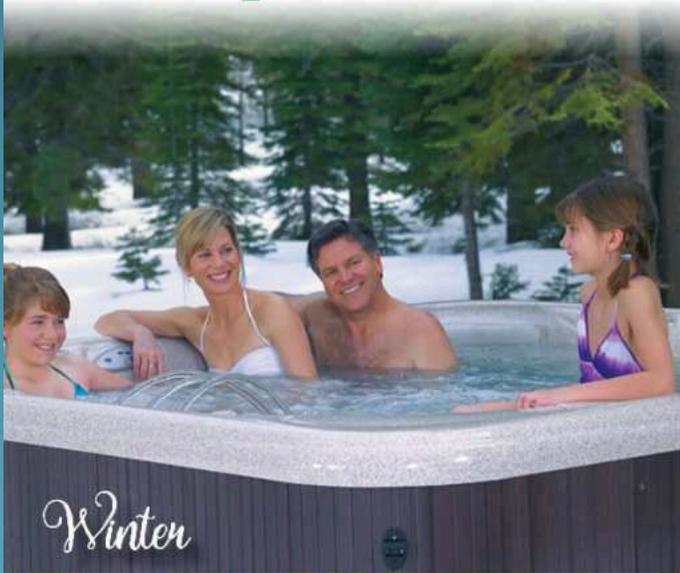


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